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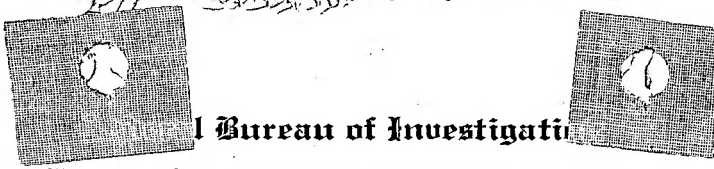
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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

November 2, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: <sup>①</sup>JOAN JENNINGS, Was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 8, 1943 instructing that a security index card be prepared on the above subject, showing her address as 1740 N. 32nd Street, Philadelphia, Pa. It has been ascertained that the subject's correct present address is 2214 Manning Street, Philadelphia, and the security index card has been prepared showing that address.

It is suggested that the security index card maintained at the Bureau from JOAN JENNINGS be corrected to conform with the card in this office.

Very truly yours,

*J. F. Sears*

J. F. SEARS  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

FILE NO. **100-13,460 CTG**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/15/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/6,31/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN J. MAHON</b>
TITLE <b>JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, aka Mrs. Francis P. Jennings</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER (C)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject born 1/31/17 at Baltimore, Md. Graduated from Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., in 1939, majoring in journalism. Was a member of the American Student Union while at school. Is employed as a reporter on the Evening Bulletin, Philadelphia newspaper. She is listed as having contributed \$90.00 to the Independent Voters League, dominated by Communist Party members. Criminal record negative. Description set out.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation was opened upon information received in the report of an investigation by Private CHARLES G. MOODY, Troop "A", Pennsylvania State Police. A summary of information as contained in this report is as follows:

Subject was born January 31, 1917, at Baltimore, Maryland. Little is known of her background or early history other than that she is one of four children, all girls. Subject's father is WILLIAM WOOLLCOTT, who conducts a business at 709 South Canton Avenue, Cantonsville, Maryland. Her mother's name is MARIE WOOLLCOTT, nee BLOEDA. The family lives at Eden Terrace, Cantonsville, Maryland. Subject attended Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1939, majoring in journalism.

Subject's previous addresses are as follows:

Eden Terrace, Cantonsville, Maryland  
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

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2204 Rittenhouse Street, Phila., Pa.  
2408 Spruce Street, Phila., Pa.  
1741 North 32nd Street, Phila., Pa.  
2214 Manning Street, Phila., Pa.

The subject is a very excitable person and was a little immature for her age while in school. While in college, she was active in the American Student Union and was also on the staff of the student paper, "Phoenix". Dean BLANCHARD, Dean of the Women's College at Swarthmore, advised that the subject, to the best of her knowledge, did not take part in any Communist activities. The Dean further advised that the subject was very active in the student union and that because of the reputation the union had at that time, this may lead one to believe that the subject is Communistically inclined. She said that she was a very good student and interested in the course of journalism while there. Subject, upon graduation, obtained a position as a feature writer on the Evening Bulletin, a Philadelphia newspaper.

Mr. LAWRENCE FLECK, City Editor of the Evening Bulletin, advised that the subject was a very intelligent person, a good worker, and had a very excellent background; further that he has never heard of subject's taking part in any Communistic affairs; and that he would be surprised if she was active in this sort of work.

The subject on August 21, 1942, obtained a Buff Identification Card (Card No. 133048) from the United States Coast Guard in order to cover the waterfront for the newspaper.

Subject was married on December 6, 1940, to FRANCIS P. JENNINGS. They have one child named MICHAEL.

Information obtained from a confidential source reflected that subject is inclined to lean towards the Communistic movements, but has never been known to attend any of their private or public meetings or to take an active part in the party.

The following is a summary of information regarding the subject's husband, as obtained from the files of the Philadelphia Field Division:

He was born 9/19/18 at Pottsville, Pennsylvania. He received his education at Temple University, Philadelphia. He is reported by friends and associates to have very radical ideas and Communistic ideals. While attending school, he was a member of the American Student Union, a Communist infiltrated youth organization, and was the treasurer of the Philadelphia Youth Council, a Communist front organization. He is an admitted member of the Communist Party, and his name appears on the membership lists of the Young Communist League. He was employed as a teacher in the Philadelphia public school system and is a member of the Teachers' Union in Philadelphia,

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which organization is reported to be infiltrated with Communists. On 10/12/42 he was inducted into the United States Army and is at the present time stationed in England.

On the morning of September 25, 1943, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that BEN WEISS, City Secretary of the Communist Party, was in communication with one SARAH WALSH with reference to a luncheon appointment, said luncheon to be attended by SAM DARCY, State Secretary of the Communist Party, NAT SPERO, regional organizer of Section 8, and TED WASSERMAN, a member of Section 8, and the subject. SARAH WALSH objected to lunching in a public place because of the fact that the group might be observed together, and it was decided that the lunch would be given at SARAH WALSH's home at 2220 Pine Street.

On December 16, 1943, Confidential Informant T-2 furnished a financial statement filed in the Board of Elections by MARION PANCOAST, Treasurer of the Independent Voters League. This organization sponsored JULES C. ABERCAUPH for Mayor in the Mayoralty election held November 2, 1943, in Philadelphia. This organization is known to have been influenced and dominated by the Communist Party. Subject was listed as having contributed the sum of \$90.00 to this organization.

It was learned from Confidential Informant T-3 that the subject was very active in connection with the recent Mayoralty election held in Philadelphia. It was one of her duties to prepare an add for one of the Philadelphia papers regarding JULES ABERCAUPH. In this add that she was to prepare there were to be three sections in the first paragraph as follows:

1. Who is JULES ABERCAUPH? A registered Democrat, but who has been forced to run against BULLITT because of BULLITT's being chosen by the leadership of the party in which ABERCAUPH is registered.
2. What does ABERCAUPH stand for? Ten points regarding his candidacy were to be elaborated on.
3. The Independent Voters League is not a party nor a machine but a group of citizens who need your help. Write the Independent Voters League for information and material. Contributions will be appreciated.

The add was to be shown as sponsored by the Independent Voters League.

It was also learned from Confidential Informant T-3 that the subject's husband is presently stationed in England; that she is pregnant and is living with her mother in Cantonsville, Maryland; and that her residence at 2214 Manning Street is being occupied by one BEA KARP, who sublet the subject's apartment.

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Mr. PAUL CRANSTON, Feature Editor on the Evening Bulletin, was contacted; and he advised that the subject had been working on the newspaper for approximately five years and that she was married to a fellow named JENNINGS, whom he believed to be in the armed forces. He stated that the subject was on a leave of absence with the newspaper, but would in all probability return to work after her confinement, and that she is living with her mother in Maryland. Mr. CRANSTON advised that the subject is the niece of the late ALEXANDER WOOLLCOTT and that she has been very active in the Newspaper Guild here in Philadelphia. Mr. CRANSTON stated that none of the subject's writings have ever reflected that she was Communistically inclined because of the fact that they were not being permitted to cross the desk of the newspaper, although he believes her to be somewhat inclined toward Communistic ideals.

The following is an excerpt from the column of JEFF KEEN of the Philadelphia Record, dated 10/2/43:

"The Private FRITZ ~~JENNINGS~~ (he's the former high school teacher and she's JOAN WOOLLCOTT, local newshawk and niece of the late ALEXANDER WOOLLCOTT) expect a February heir raid."

The subject is described as follows:

Name	JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS
Residence	2214 Manning Street, Phila.
Born	1/31/17 at Baltimore, Md.
Height	5'1"
Weight	120 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Employment	Reporter on the Evening Bulletin
Education	Graduate of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.
Social Security No.	169-16-0273

A photograph of the subject is maintained in the files of the Philadelphia Office.

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BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION

AT CANTONSVILLE, MARYLAND

Will determine the subject's present residence and, if possible, will also determine when she will return to Philadelphia.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

- T-1 ~~/~~ Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- T-2 HARRY MALONEY, Clerk at the County Board of Elections, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- T-3 ~~/~~ Confidential Informant [ ] whose identity is known to the Bureau.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

FILE NO. 100-10011

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REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE, MARYLAND</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/6/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/23, 24; 3/4/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROBERT C. WEAVER</b>
TITLE <b>JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, aka, Mrs. Francis P. Jennings</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject presently residing with parents, 116 Woodlawn Avenue, Eden Terrace, Catonsville, Maryland. Receives Daily Worker at this address. Arrangements made Baltimore Field Division to be advised when subject leaves this address.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent JOHN J. MAHON at Philadelphia dated 2/15/44.

**DETAILS:**

AT CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND

MR. F. ELMER YOUNG, Superintendent, Catonsville Post Office, Catonsville, Maryland, advised that the subject had for the last month or more been receiving mail regularly at the home of her parents, the address of which is 116 Woodlawn Avenue, Eden Terrace, Catonsville, Maryland. MR. YOUNG advised that among the mail which she received regularly at this address was a copy of the Daily Worker.

Appropriate arrangements have been made for the Baltimore Field Division to be notified when the subject leaves this address.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION:

At Catonsville, Maryland

Will maintain contact with MR. F. ELMER YOUNG, Superintendent Catonsville, Post Office, who will advise when the subject changes her mailing address from 116 Woodlawn, Eden Terrace, Catonsville, Maryland.

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April 5, 1944

Special Agent in Charge  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, with alias  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 17, 1944  
requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above en-  
titled case.

You are hereby authorized to designate Baltimore  
as the division of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to  
carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of  
origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

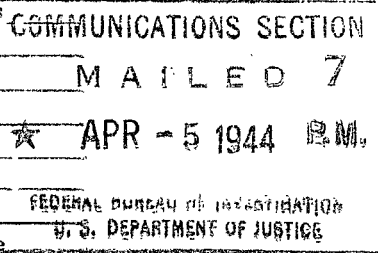
Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ CC: Baltimore  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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*John F. [unclear]*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

500 WIDENER BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

March 17, 1944

DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

RE: JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS  
SECURITY MATTER C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
ROBERT C. WEAVER, dated March 6, 1944, at Baltimore, Mary-  
land.

Inasmuch as the subject is presently residing  
at 116 Woodlawn Avenue, Eden Terrace, Catonsville, Mary-  
land, and her return to Philadelphia is very indefinite,  
it is being recommended that the Baltimore Field Division  
be considered the Office of Origin. It is also to be  
noted that the Security Index Card of the subject should  
be changed to reflect her present residence.

Very truly yours,

*J. F. Sears*  
J. F. SEARS  
SAC

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cc-Baltimore

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: April 15, 1944

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, with alias  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Bureau File #100-72937)

Reference is made to your letter of April 5, 1944, advising that the Baltimore Field Division is to be considered the office of origin in the above entitled case.

This is to advise that the Baltimore Field Division has received all pertinent serials regarding the subject. Therefore, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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cc: Baltimore

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**FILE NO. **100-10011**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BALTIMORE, MARYLAND</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-10-44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-5,6-44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ROY L. BAKER, JR. :MHC</b>
TITLE <b>JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, a.k.a. Mrs. Francis P. Jennings</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER C.</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides 116 Woodlawn Avenue, Eden Terrace, Catonsville, Md. No indication of Communist Party activities.

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## REFERENCE:

Bureau file #100-72937.

Letter from the Bureau to the Philadelphia Field Division dated 4-5-44.

## DETAILS:

AT CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND

Mr. F. ELMER YOUNG, Superintendent, Catonsville Post Office, advised that the subject still resides at 116 Woodlawn Avenue, Eden Terrace, and was housekeeping for her family and children at that address. According to Mr. YOUNG, the subject seemed to be tied down because of her two children and was not working anywhere in Catonsville. Mr. YOUNG recalled that the subject received the Daily Worker and other mail from New York and a large amount of personal mail from her husband who was evidently in the United States Army. Mr. YOUNG further advised that the subject's father had a good reputation generally in the neighborhood and that the subject evidently was waiting for the return of her husband.

## Confidential Informants

whose identities are known to the Bureau, were contacted in connection with the Communist Party activities of the subject with negative results.

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In view of the fact that the subject evidently has no present Communist Party activities, this case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge, subject to further investigation upon receipt of information that the subject is resuming her activities within the Baltimore Field Division.

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SAC, Philadelphia

December 22, 1944

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS, with alias  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(Philadelphia File No. 100-13460)  
(Baltimore File No. 100-10011)

Reference is made to your letter dated December 9, 1944, advising that the above-captioned subject has again returned to Philadelphia and requesting that the Philadelphia Field Division be designated as the office of origin in this case.

You are advised that Philadelphia is hereby designated as the office of origin for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting the activities of this subject in Philadelphia at the present time. It is suggested, however, that continuous investigation not be given to this subject in the event preliminary inquiries disclose that she is not very active in Communist activities in the Philadelphia district.

cc - Baltimore

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: DECEMBER 9, 1944

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS,  
aka. Mrs. Francis P. Jennings  
SECURITY MATTER -- C

Reference is made to Bureau letter of April 5, 1944, wherein authority was granted to designate the Baltimore Field Division as the office of origin in this case.

Information has been furnished this office to the effect that JOAN JENNINGS has returned to Philadelphia, and it is, therefore, requested that the Philadelphia Field Division again be designated as office of origin.

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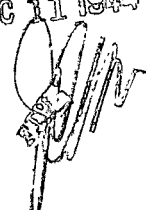
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SAC, Philadelphia  
cc: Baltimore  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 16, 1944

FROM : *King* J. W. Vincent - SAC, BaltimoreSUBJECT: JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS, aka Mrs. Francis P. Jennings  
SECURITY MATTER (C)

Reference is made to Philadelphia letter to the Bureau dated December 9, 1944, requesting that Philadelphia be made the office of origin in this case.

A review of the file in this office indicates this matter was closed with the report of Special Agent ROY L. BAKER, JR., dated 5-10-44, at Baltimore, Maryland. A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Philadelphia Office for the completion of its file.

No further action is being taken by this office.

HMK:cc

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cc-Philadelphia (Encl.)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/15/45</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/4/45</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM H. NAYLOR</b>
TITLE <b>JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS, wa Mrs. Francis P. Jennings</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**JOAN JENNINGS** apparent holder of 1944 Communist Party Book No. 75569 and paid dues from June to December, 1944. 1945 application for membership cards in Northeast Club, CPA reflect **JOAN JENNINGS'** number as 84500. **JOAN JENNINGS** is member of Daily Worker Press Club, Membership No. 5331, and paid dues for June, 1944. She was apparently active as a Daily Worker Brigader during Presidential election. Subject re-employed by the "Evening Bulletin" as a reporter, about July, 1944, after being on leave of absence. Northeast Club News for September, 1944, reflects **JOAN JENNINGS** and **MARY MORRELL** as being on the committee handling club paper. **JENNINGS** attended meeting of Northeast Club, CPA on September 30, 1944 and took active part in same. Information reflects **JOAN JENNINGS** was scheduled to take active part in meetings of that club on October 25, November 15, December 1 and December 6, 1944.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 100-72937  
Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated 12/22/44.

DETAILS:

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the lists of the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association, which contains the first names and the initial of the surname of members, together with their book numbers and the months for which they paid club dues and Press Club dues, reflects under the heading of Mackley Club the name JOAN J., Book No. 85569. This name was accompanied by a notation to the effect that Press Club fees for the month of June and the Club dues from June to December 1944 had been paid. JOAN J. is believed to be JOAN JENNINGS, who resides at the Carl Mackley Apartments.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the applications for 1945 membership cards in the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association, reflects that an application was filed by JOAN JENNINGS, Carl Mackley Apartments, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and that this application was assigned enrollment number 84500.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the records of the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association, 4346 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania reflected that JOAN W. JENNINGS, Apartment 363, M and Bristol Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (address of Carl Mackley Apartments) was a member of the Daily Worker Press Club and that her Membership Card bore number 5331. It is to be noted that information has already been set out to the effect that JOAN J. paid Press Club dues for the month of June, 1944.

Confidential Informant 7, whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that under date of October 3, 1944, DANIEL K. DELANO directed a letter to JOAN W. JENNINGS, Carl Mackley Apartments, the letter in question being set forth below:

"COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION  
250 S. Broad St - Rm 710  
Phila 2, Pa.

October 3, 1944

TO ALL ELECTION BRIGADERS

Dear Fellow Brigader:

Just about one month remains before the Elections. In this remaining month it is imperative that the greatest clarity be established on the issues at stake in the Elections.

The Worker will be indispensable in helping to clarify the issues. As a member of the Worker Brigade your role will be decisive in helping to accomplish this task.

The National Committee of the C.P.A. has proposed a 5 week Worker campaign. They have called upon us to do our share in circulating 25,000 copies of the Worker in the next 5 weeks. Our share of this increase is 1500 copies. We can be successful in accomplishing this only if you personally carry out your pledge as a Worker Brigader.

In addition to yourself, we need others who will sell copies of the Worker for the next four weeks. To accomplish this we have worked out a form whereby for the next four weeks 5 copies will be mailed to the person directly to sell to their friends, shop mates, and trade union friends. (The form is self-explanatory). In this way you can help a great deal by getting others to place orders for the paper.

In addition to the increased bundle circulation, we have also set ourselves the task of increasing Worker subscriptions. When you sell copies of the paper as mentioned above you should speak to those buying the paper about becoming permanent readers through obtaining subscriptions.

We are counting on you to do your bit between now and Nov. 7 to fulfill our share of the National 25,000 objective. In realizing this we will be of tremendous service in helping to achieve clarity on the decisive importance of Nov. 7 in deciding the future course of our Nation and in rallying the people in support of President Roosevelt's policies.

Reach your Club Press Director immediately and work out with him any other additional ideas you may have on how to increase the circulation and if you wish get in touch with us.

Fraternally,

/s/ DANIEL K. DELANO

Confidential Informant 7 also advised that ~~MAC~~WEINER, Organizational Secretary of the Communist Political Association, 250 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania directed a letter to ESTHER AUGUST of the Carl Mackley Apartments advising that attached to said letter would be a list of Daily Worker Club Members of the Northeast Branch. This stated that fifty cents should be collected from each member and turned in to the Section Organizational Secretary, which funds in turn were to be brought to WEINER's office no later than November 20, 1944. The list in question was headed "Club Subs Due in November From the Fifth Congressional District", and a note thereon suggested that an effort be made to collect for November and December, so as to leave December clear for card exchanges. Among many names listed appeared the name of JOAN JENNINGS.

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Confidential Informant T-3 advised that a JOAN JENNINGS, who is a reporter for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, returned from a leave of absence about July, 1944 and has been in the employ of the paper since that time. He stated that he had not observed any activities on the part of JOAN JENNINGS which would indicate any Communist sympathies. However, he did say that she was a violent "New Dealer" during the past election.

From a highly confidential source it was ascertained that JOAN JENNINGS obtained telephone service recently at her apartment 363, Carl Mackley Apartments, M and Bristol Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her telephone number is Cumberland 3308.

On December 9, 1944, Confidential Informant 7 advised that Mrs. JOAN JENNINGS received copies of "The Constitution of the Communist Political Association" and "The Guide to Public Affairs", published by the Communist Political Association of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. These documents were dated September, 1944.

Confidential Informant 7 also advised that JOAN JENNINGS was in possession of an invitation to "The Forum of the Philadelphia School of Social Science and Arts", 1704 Walnut Street, which forum was planning a program to be held at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia on Sunday, November 19, 1944 at 8:15 P.M. The Forum was to present on this program Dr. GENE WELTFISH, co-author "Races Of Mankind"; Dr. BARROW DUNHAM, associate professor of Philosophy, Temple University; and Mr. ALLAN R. FREELON, noted painter and educator. There was also to be included a round table program on "The Myth of Racial Superiority".

There appeared in the September issue of the Northeast Club News, issued by the Communist Political Association, 4346 Frankford Avenue, an article entitled "This And That" by ESTHER AUGUST and MARY MORRELL. The article used first names only and in a program indicating that committees are blossoming on all sides. It was stated that the Bulletin Committee (Newspaper Committee) consisted of MAX, MARY and JOAN. The JOAN mentioned is believed to be JOAN JENNINGS, inasmuch as she is very active in the publication of this club newspaper. In another copy of the Northeast Club News there appeared an article captioned "Our Community" by JOAN. In this article there was furnished the registration figures for the Republican and Democratic Parties of the Northeast Section and there were also facts set forth concerning a labor board election at SKF and a meeting of the Northeast citizens. JOAN, the author of this column, is believed to be JOAN JENNINGS.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised that on December 23, 1944 [redacted]

[redacted] ROBERT MORRELL and JOAN JENNINGS [redacted]

[redacted] entered into a discussion regarding various items which were to appear in the next issue of the Northeast Club paper, which was to be published about December 25 or 26, 1944. The following items were discussed as topics which were to appear in this paper:

1) New Year's Eve Party - Directions as to how to reach the home of JULIAN SEGAL, 623 Elkins Park Avenue, Elkins Park, Pa., where the party was to be held and that the price was to be \$2.50 per person. It was stated that this article should also mention that the tickets for the party could be obtained from ESTHER AUGUST or MARIE LASS and that their telephone numbers should also be listed.

2) Meeting on January 10, 1945 - With regard to this meeting, it should be pointed out that the meeting had been postponed from the first Wednesday, January 3, 1945, until the second Wednesday of the month because of the holidays; that the meeting will be the first in a series of "Political Education"; that the topic to be discussed will be "Perspective for Labor in 1945"; and that the meeting would be handled as an "Information Please" Forum with four club members answering all questions.

3) Enrollment - Under this topic, it was asserted that stress should be placed on everyone enrolling now and that the President of the club should be telephoned if a person has not been contacted. The same article was also supposed to urge that everyone renew and obtain new subscriptions to the "Worker" by January 7, 1945 when the price of such subscription will be increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50.

4) Meeting on January 12, 1945 - It was stated that a meeting be held at 8:30 P.M. on Friday at the Stephen Girard Hotel and that tickets for such meeting could be obtained at the club house for 62¢. It was mentioned that the guest speaker at this meeting would be the national vice-president, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

5) Club Elections - The article regarding club elections should indicate that the elections would be held following nominations at the club meeting on January 24, 1945. It was pointed out in connection with this election that the vacancies included chairman, secretary and membership director.

6) Literature - The article regarding literature should make mention of a special sale of Marx classics at the Locust Book Shop from January 21 to January 28, 1945. During this period, books would be sold at a 15% discount.

7) News Topics - It should be mentioned that SIDNEY SHUPAK, the literature director, and MAC WEINER have entered the United States Army.

Confidential Informant T-5 advised that on September 30, 1944 a quarterly meeting was held by the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association, 4346 Frankford Avenue in the club rooms of that organization. The meeting was opened at 8:15, at which time there were shown two films, one a War Department film, entitled "Kill Or Be Killed", and the other a film of the Political Action Committee, entitled "Hellbent for Election". ROBERT MORRELL, the Club President, then addressed the group and discussed various phases of the

coming election and the activities of the 'Daily Worker'. The next speaker was FRANK CESTARE, a Communist Political Association official, who also spoke on the Presidential election. CESTARE advised the group that the Communist Political Association had a big responsibility in effecting DEWEY's defeat, and that the organization could do much to help through the sale of the Daily Worker and by keeping the Northeast Center open. He also stated that the Northeast Club members should ring doorbells, talk to people in the shops and do everything to help the sale of the Daily Worker. At the conclusion of CESTARE's speech, the members applauded vigorously and there were several comments to the effect that it was a wonderful speech and that they would all get behind the points brought out by CESTARE.

The next speaker on the program was JOAN JENNINGS, who stated that she was to do a book review, but that in her opinion a continuance of the discussion regarding the election would be more proper. However, she proceeded to give her book review, the book in question being "Freedom Road" by HOWARD FAST. She stated that the book involved a story about how Negroes and white people lived together, worked together and were building a new America after the plantation owners had been destroyed in battle. She stated that these poor whites and Negroes had established some of the most democratic laws and institutions that this country ever knew. She related that the book ended when the Northerners sold out to the plantation owners, whom they no longer feared. In closing, JOAN JENNINGS asserted that the book was a powerful lesson "to us now".

Confidential Informant 7 advised that JOAN JENNINGS received an invitation to a piano recital at the "Morrell" Studio, 1437 West Cayuga Street on Saturday, October 14, 1944 at 8:30 P.M. The invitation reflected that the program was to consist of community singing, various piano selections, refreshments and that the meeting was under the auspices of the Northeast Club of the Communist Political Association.

The Northeast Club News, published by the Communist Political Association, 4346 Frankford Avenue on October 20, 1944, reflected that on Wednesday, October 25, 1944 at 8:30 P.M. there would be a round table discussion on methods of election work, and that the discussion would be led by SID, CHICK, ALICE, EARL and JOAN. The JOAN mentioned is believed to be JOAN JENNINGS.

Confidential Informant 7 advised that JOHN JENNINGS received a letter from the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association, 4346 Frankford Avenue, which was signed by ROBERT MORRELL wherein it was stated that there was to be a club conference on Wednesday evening, November 15 at 8:15 P.M. at the clubhouse. This meeting was for all members who took part in the election campaign. The letter was mimeographed, but on the bottom of said letter there was a postscript stating that the trade unionist who was to speak at a meeting was HANK RHINE, and that JOAN should also be prepared to speak.



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Confidential Informant T-4 stated that on November 27, 1944 he was advised [redacted] there would be a special meeting held at the Northeast Clubhouse on December 1, 1944. [redacted]

[redacted] According to the informant, this meeting was originally scheduled to be held at the home of JOAN JENNINGS but that JOAN JENNINGS complained that the neighbors might talk about a Negro being in her apartment. In this connection, it is noted that EARL VAN DYKE is a Negro.

The Northeast Club News for December, 1944 reflected that a club meeting was held on Wednesday, December 6, 1944 in order to further the important Political Education Campaign recently launched on a national scale by the Communist Political Association. The feature event of the meeting was to be an Information Please Round Table of the election results. MAC WEINER, Organizational Secretary of the Eastern Pennsylvania, Communist Political Association, was to introduce the topic, after which the floor would be thrown open to questions to be directed at a board of experts. The experts consisted of members of the Northeast Club and included among them was one JOAN, believed to be JOAN JENNINGS.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

- Confidential Informant T-1 Special Agents JAMES T. HAVERTY, FRANK J. SMITH, and JOHN W. DOOLEY, who obtained material through a highly confidential source from the premises at 4346 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the headquarters of the Communist Political Association, Northeast Club.
- Confidential Informant T-2 Special Agent JAMES T. HAVERTY, who obtained material from the Northeast Club through a highly confidential source.
- Confidential Informant T-3 ~~JOHN FLEET~~, Acting Feature Editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Mr. FLEET requested that his name be held in confidence.
- Confidential Informant T-4 ~~Confidential Informant~~  whose identity is known to the Bureau.
- Confidential Informant T-5 Special Agents JAMES T. HAVERTY, FRANK J. SMITH and JOHN W. DOOLEY, who personally heard and observed a meeting at the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association without technical assistance.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 13, 1947

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS, aka Mrs. FRANCIS P. JENNINGS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
(Bureau File #100-72937)

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The captioned subject, who still resides at the Carl Mackley Apartments, M. and Bristol Streets, Philadelphia, and continues employment in the feature editors department of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, is now active in the Communist Party as Membership Director of Section 10, Communist Party, USA, District #3, formerly known as the Northeast Club in District #3.

It is noted that said Section 10 comprises six separate branches with an approximate membership of 150 persons.

Accordingly, the name of JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS is being added to the key figure list in the Philadelphia Office and it is therefore requested that her name be included on the list of key figures maintained at the Bureau.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. **100-13,460 1bh**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Philadelphia, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-24-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-21-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES T. MULLAN, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, WA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject is white and was born January 31, 1917 at Baltimore, Maryland. Vital statistics concerning her parents and her husband and his parents set forth.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file No. 100-72937.

**DETAILS:** AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The following information was compiled by Special Employee **ROBERT F. GREGSON, JR.:**

A review of the file in this matter reflects that **JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS** is a member of the white race and was born January 31, 1917 at Baltimore, Maryland. Her father, **WILLIAM WOOLLCOTT**, was born in New Jersey, and her mother, **MARIE WOOLLCOTT nee BLOEDA**, was born in the state of Maryland.

Subject's husband, **FRANCIS P. JENNINGS**, was born September 19, 1918 at Pottsville, Pennsylvania. His parents, **JAMES JENNINGS** and **DELLA JENNINGS, nee BIARMAN**, are listed as both having been born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

*Birth date noted on SE and 3-8-47*

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THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will follow and report subject's Communist Party activities  
in the Philadelphia area.



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WORKER L.A. RAILROAD  
JOAN JENNINGS

JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS

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Blue eyes -

Wife of Francis  
P. Jennings

She works at  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 24, 1947

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau File 100-72937

A photograph of the above individual is transmitted herewith for inclusion in the Bureau files.

~~JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS~~

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January 5, 1949

SAC, Philadelphia

RE: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, WAS.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
Your file # 100-13460

Dear Sir:

A review of the files at the Bureau in connection with this subject has revealed that a report has not been received from your office concerning the subject since the report of Special Agent William H. Taylor dated 1/15/48 at Philadelphia, Penna.

While it is realized that existing instructions do not require that a report be submitted periodically on Security Index card subjects unless the subject is also a top functionary, it is felt that in view of the tense international situation at the present time, a new report should be submitted setting forth the extent of the subject's present activities in connection with the Communist Party and related groups in order that the Bureau will be in possession of current information concerning each one of those subjects who are considered a threat to the internal security.

In submitting the report, the Bureau desires that you incorporate in summary form the information contained in your files not previously reported. Information of substantive nature only should be set forth and repetitious material should be avoided. Where a description of the subject has not been reported, that, too, should be included in the report and also placed on the reverse side of the Security Index card in accordance with the instructions outlined in SAC Letter No. 57, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948.

In the event the subject's current address is not the same as that which appears on the Security Index card, you should correct the Security Index card and forward Form FD-119 to the Bureau in order that the Security Index card at the Bureau can be corrected.

In order that the Security Index will contain only the names of those individuals who can be considered to be a threat to the internal security of this country, the Bureau desires that you carefully appraise this case and if it appears that the subject, based on his present position and activities or past position and activities, cannot be considered such as threat, then in addition to submitting the report, you should recommend that the Security Index card be canceled.

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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*J. E. Hoover*

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JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, was  
Mrs. Francis P. Jennings,  
Catherine Frost

CHARACTER

SECURITY MATTER (C)

SYNOPSIS:

JOAN JENNINGS attended Communist Political Association District Conference, Philadelphia, June 10, 1945; Communist Party District No. 3 Convention, Philadelphia, June 23, 1946; Communist Party District Committee meeting September 28 and 29, 1946; and was visitor at Communist Party, District No. 3 Convention, Philadelphia, July 16-18, 1948. Subject formerly Membership Director, Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3, until about April, 1947. Only known Communist Party activities of subject at present time confined to writing column for Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker--"Class Angles"--under pen name, CATHERINE FROST.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-72937.

Report of Special Agent William H. Naylor dated January 15, 1945, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

DETAILS:

The title of instant report is being changed to include the alias, CATHERINE FROST, used by JOAN JENNINGS as a pen name in the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker.

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I. BACKGROUND

JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS was born January 31, 1917, at Baltimore, Maryland. Her husband, FRANCIS P. JENNINGS, was born September 19, 1918, at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

JOAN and FRANCIS JENNINGS continue to reside at Apartment 363, Carl Mackley Apartments, "M" and Bristol Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

II. PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The informant, of known reliability, advised that he observed a 1947 Communist Party registration card, which, to the best of the informant's knowledge, was the registration card of JOAN JENNINGS. According to the informant, the registration card, No. 77396, reflected that the person to whom it was made out belonged to the Mayfair Club in Section 9. The descriptive data on the card reflected that it was made out to a woman, white, employed, age 29, occupation reporter in the newspaper industry, and a member of the CIO Union. Her origin was American, and she was a subscriber to both the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker", as well as a reader of "Political Affairs". As of 1946, this individual had been in the Communist Party seven years. The informant advised that from the descriptive data on the card and from his knowledge of the background of JOAN JENNINGS, it was determined that the above constituted the registration card of JOAN JENNINGS.

(T-1, 3-29-47)

JOAN JENNINGS, as of 1946, was a member of the Daily Worker Press Club, Card No. 5331, and belonged to the Mayfair Club.

(T-1, 4-11-48)

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, and who has been a member of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware for a number of years, advised that the Daily Worker Press Club was instituted in this area for the purpose of providing a method by which Communist Party members could secure subscriptions to the "Daily Worker" at reduced rates and pay for them in monthly installments. The informant does

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not know of any instance where the plan was made available to anyone who was not a Communist Party member.

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, and whose knowledge is limited to the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, advised that the Daily Worker Press Club Plan was discontinued in this area in the spring of 1948. At that time, ROBERT KLONSKY, District Organizational Secretary, stated that one of the reasons for discontinuing the plan was to eliminate the maintenance of two lists of the "Daily Worker" subscribers, one of which could be identified as a list of Communist Party members.

### III. POSITIONS OF IMPORTANCE

JOAN JENNINGS, prior to June of 1946, had been an Organizer of Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3.

From approximately June of 1946 to April, 1947, JOAN JENNINGS was Membership Director of Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3.

From approximately February of 1948 to date, JOAN JENNINGS has been writing for the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker under the pen name, CATHERINE FROST.

### IV. COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES, DISTRICT NO. 3, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

An informant of known reliability attended the District Conference of the Communist Political Association, District No. 3, of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, which was held at the Music Fund Hall, 810 Locust Street, Philadelphia, June 10, 1945. The informant advised that the principal speaker was SAM DONCHIN, President of the Communist Political Association, District No. 3, who spoke on "The Resolution of the National Committee of the Communist Political Association". DONCHIN pointed out that there should be a better leadership in the Communist Political Association, that the Communist Political Association had had no real leadership, and that the Communist Political Association must rally the people in support of the war against Japan. He pointed out that this could be done only

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by strengthening their friendship with Russia, aiding China, and being on the alert for American aggressive imperialists.

At the above conference the informant advised that JOAN JENNINGS was a speaker. During her speech, she advised that she was from the Northeast Club, that she supported both the National Committee resolution and SAM DONCHIN's report. She mentioned "class interest", which was included in the National Committee Resolution of the Communist Political Association, and stated that the new program of the Communist Political Association was one of the best things that could happen.

(T-2, 6-13-45)

Another informant, of known reliability, attended the above-mentioned Communist Political Association District Conference of June 10, 1945. The informant advised that the main speaker was SAM DONCHIN, who spoke on "The Present Situation and the Next Tasks", which was mainly concerned with the resolutions recently issued by the National Board of the Communist Political Association. According to the informant, JOAN JENNINGS was a speaker at the conference and she stated that EARL BROWDER's book, "Teheran, Our Path in War and Peace", is just another truce between capital and the working class.

(T-3, 6-13-45)

An informant of known reliability advised that on January 13, 1946, the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania held an Organizational and 1946 Election Conference at the Commodore Hotel, 313 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, and that JOAN JENNINGS attended and spoke at the conference. According to the informant, JOAN JENNINGS' speech concerned the fact that the Northeast Club was made up of four branches and that the Communist Party must build PAC Committees in the communities.

(T-3, 2-5-46)

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS attended the June 23 session of the Communist Party District Convention held at the Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, from June 21 to June 23, 1946. This informant was of the opinion that the subject did not attend the installation banquet held at Bookbinder's Restaurant, Second and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, on June 23, 1946, which banquet was held in conjunction with and at the conclusion of the Communist Party District Convention.

(T-4, 6-23-46)

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An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS was attending the Communist Party District Committee meeting held at the Broadwood Hotel, Broad and Wood Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 28-29, 1946. (T-5, 9-28-46)

JOAN JENNINGS advised an informant of known reliability that as of September, 1947, she, JOAN JENNINGS, did not have a full-time Communist Party assignment, but that she was doing some writing for the Communist Party. (T-6, 9-13-47)

An informant of known reliability advised that on February 17, 1948, JOAN JENNINGS and FRANCIS JENNINGS sent the following telegram:

"Attorney General THOMAS CLARK,  
Washington, D. C.

"Urge you release WILLIAMSON on bail according to American procedure.

/S/ JOAN JENNINGS  
FRANCIS JENNINGS"

The informant advised that the above telegram concerned Communist Party national functionary, JOHN WILLIAMSON. (T-4, 2-18-48)

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS, from the Kensington Club, Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3, was authorized to attend the District No. 3 Communist Party Convention held at the Chris J. Perry Elks Hall, 1416 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, on July 16-18, 1948. However, it has not been positively established whether JOAN JENNINGS actually attended the above convention. (T-1, 7-15-48)

V. KNOWLEDGE OF THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant T-4, as previously reported, advised that JOAN JENNINGS attended the June 23 session of the Communist Party District Convention held at the Metropolitan Opera House, Philadelphia, from June 21 to June 23, 1946. PHIL BART, Chairman, District No. 3, Communist Party, USA, made a summary speech at the close of the District Convention. According to Confidential Informant T-9, who is known to be reliable, PHIL BART stated: "We belong to a Party dedicated to the destruction of capitalism and exploitation. We are fighting to bring socialism to the people. As Communists we feel a close kinship with our brother members all over the world whose activities are a constant inspiration to us, an inspiration and example...to make ourselves as worthy as Communists as they have already achieved in their country. First of all, of constant guidance is the great Party of the Soviet Union...the great French Party which has helped us so much, from the Yugoslavic headed by MARSHAL TITO, and China for its MAO TSE TUNG, and our own BILL FOSTER, the National Chairman of our Party."

VI. COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES, NORTHEAST CLUB

An informant of known reliability advised that on February 17, 1945, a meeting was held by the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association, at the club headquarters, 4364 Frankford Avenue. According to the informant, one of the topics of discussion at the meeting was the election of an Executive Board for the club. BOB MORRELL, President of the Northeast Club, discussed various candidates for the Executive Board, among which was JOAN JENNINGS. MORRELL stated that JOAN JENNINGS should definitely be a member of the Executive Board inasmuch as she was very active and had recently been the editor of the Northeast Club "News", a club newspaper. At this meeting, JOAN JENNINGS and others were elected to the Executive Board by acclamation. (T-7, 2-7-45)

Confidential Informant T-7 also advised that the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association, held a meeting at club headquarters on April 4, 1945, at which time ROBERT MORRELL, Club President, presented a proposition outlining a possible program for the Northeast Club in the nature of forums to be held at the Kensington Labor Lyceum. He stated that the committee to handle the forums would be composed of JOAN JENNINGS, among others. The topics of the forums would be "What Will Become of Germany after the War", "Results of the San Francisco Conference", and "Future Possibilities of Employment in the Northeast". The informant further advised that at this meeting JOAN JENNINGS discussed meetings to be held relative to the San Francisco Conference.

An informant of known reliability advised that the name, Mrs. JOAN JENNINGS, 363 Mackley Apartments, "M" and Bristol Streets, Philadelphia, appeared on a membership list of the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association. (T-1, 4-4-45)

On July 19, 1945, Confidential Informant T-7, mentioned above, advised that the Northeast Club, Communist Political Association, held a meeting at its club headquarters. At this meeting, JOAN JENNINGS discussed a social affair to be held on August 6, 1945. At this same meeting, the Northeast Club nominated and elected delegates to the District Communist Political Association Convention to be held at a later date. According to the informant, JOAN JENNINGS was one of the individuals elected as a delegate.



It is not known whether or not JOAN JENNINGS actually attended the above-mentioned convention of the Communist Political Association.

VII. COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES, SECTION 9, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS was Membership Director of Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3.  
(T-4, 6-18-46)

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS was Membership Director of Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3, instead of Section Organizer, and that the new Section Organizer was ADA FRANKEL.  
(T-5, 6-27-46)

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS was the new Membership Director of Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3, and that a Membership Directors' meeting was being held at the JENNINGS' home on July 22, 1946. However, the informant did not attend the meeting and was unable to furnish further information in regard thereto.  
(T-6, 7-19-46)

An informant of known reliability related that Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3, was operating on a sustainer basis as a result of a new program going into effect through the district. According to the informant, Section 9 was responsible for raising one hundred dollars per month for the district in addition to raising its own district expenses. The plan was to take members on as sustainers on monthly pledges. The informant stated that GENE and BELLE FEDERMAN, section members, had already pledged \$5.00 per month to JOAN JENNINGS, who was soliciting pledges in Section 9.  
MRS. GENE FEDERMAN (T-6, 9-11-46)

An informant of known reliability advised that a Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3 Executive Meeting was to be held at the home of JOAN JENNINGS on September 16, 1946, at 9:30 P.M. The informant was unable to furnish any further information regarding the meeting, other than that JOE KUZMA was attending.  
(T-4, 9-16-46)

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised that as of September, 1946, JOE KUZMA was Organizational Secretary of the Communist

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Party, USA, District No. 3.

A confidential informant of known reliability advised that a membership directors meeting, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3, was held at 1306 North Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, an IWO Hall, on November 1, 1946, and that JOAN JENNINGS attended the meeting. The informant advised that the important points taken up at this meeting were:

- (1) To register members one hundred per cent and not plan to drop the people whose membership had lapsed;
- (2) That they have a registration committee in every branch or at least in every section, depending on organization;
- (3) That they have special branch or section classes in registration to accomplish a fifty per cent registration by November 15.

At the meeting, it was also planned to tie the registration and sub drives together. (T-5, 11-2-46)

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS attended a Kensington Club meeting held November 12, 1946, at the home of JACOB HERTZBERG, 2903 North Fifth Street, a club member. The informant could furnish no further information regarding what took place at the meeting. (T-5, 11-12-46)

An informant of known reliability was advised by ADA FRANKEL, Organizer, Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3, that the section had scheduled a "station" for that evening at the home of JOAN JENNINGS in an effort to raise three hundred dollars for the Communist Party not later than the following Saturday. ADA FRANKEL did not advise the informant the results of this "station". (T-8, 2-20-47)

An informant of known reliability advised that an executive meeting of Section 9, Communist Party, USA, District No. 3, was held at the

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home of JOAN JENNINGS on July 12, 1946. The informant was unable to furnish any detailed information concerning the results of the meeting.

(T-4, 7-12-48)

VIII. ACTIVITIES CONCERNING PENNSYLVANIA EDITION OF THE WORKER

An informant of known reliability advised that on October 22, 1947, JOAN JENNINGS was writing for the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker. On January 17, 1948, the same informant advised that a great deal of the work carried on in connection with the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker was done at the office of the "Morning Freiheit", 317 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia, a Jewish language newspaper, which paper Confidential Informant T-8 states is Communist controlled. Again, on January 29, 1948, and February 6, 1948, the informant indicated that JOAN JENNINGS was writing for the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker under the pen name, CATHERINE FROST.

(T-6)

A review of the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker from the date of the first issue to date reflects that the following articles appeared under the pen name, CATHERINE FROST:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Article</u>
2-1-48	New FEPC Bill a Phony
2-8-48	Truman Appointee Is Open-Shopper (THOMAS B. McCABE of Scott Paper Company, Chester)
3-7-48	Will B & L Probe Really Probe the B & L
3-28-48	Wages vs. Marshall Plan Looms at CIO Convention
5-9-48	Working Mothers Organize to Maintain Child Centers
6-13-48	Is Honest Government Possible in Philly?
8-22-48	Legion Meets, Eats, Howls - Still No Homes for Vets
10-10-48	GOP Lies Again on Negro Rights
10-17-48	School Kids Victims of U of P Deal
10-31-48	Why Can't Tommy Learn to Read?
11-14-48	Rise in Wage Tax Hinted in Budget

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During the year, 1949, JOAN JENNINGS has written a column in the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker entitled "Class Angles", wherein she writes about current articles in the newspapers similar to the articles hereinbefore described. Since the beginning of 1949, the column, "Class Angles", has appeared in the issues of January 2, 9, 30; February 6, 20; March 6, 20, 27; April 3, 10; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 12.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS was active in the campaign of ESTELLE SHOEN, candidate for the Pennsylvania legislature on the Communist Party ticket during the 1946 elections.  
(T-5, 10-30-46)

An informant of known reliability advises that ESTELLE SHOEN is presently Membership Director of Section 6, Communist Party, USA, District No. 2.

(T-1)

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS had resigned her position as a feature writer for the "Evening Bulletin" and that she was going to Baltimore to her mother's home. The informant related that JOAN JENNINGS was pregnant and was going to stay at her mother's home until after her baby was born.  
(T-5, 4-15-47)

An informant of known reliability advised that on February 4, 1947, JOAN JENNINGS turned in \$40.36 to the Communist Party Headquarters Office for tickets to the Lenin Memorial. According to the informant, JOAN JENNINGS again paid in \$9.08 for similar tickets on February 19, 1947.  
(T-11, 4-18-47)

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS was president of an organization known as Mackley Nursery Mothers. However, the informant was unable to furnish any information regarding this organization.  
(T-4, 10-7-47)

An informant of known reliability advised that JOAN JENNINGS' name appeared on the mailing list of the American Council for a Democratic Greece, Philadelphia Chapter.  
(T-1, 11-15-47)

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It is noted that the American Council for a Democratic Greece has been declared by the Attorney General to be subversive and within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

An informant of known reliability related that ESTELLE SHOHEN, previously mentioned herein, requested JOAN JENNINGS to speak at a meeting of the Women for Wallace Committee held at Broad Street and Columbia Avenue, November 4, 1948. JOAN JENNINGS advised the informant that she was going to speak at this meeting. However, the informant was unable to attend the meeting, and could furnish no further information in regard thereto.

(T-4, 10-4-48)

An informant of known reliability advised that the Carl Mackley Tenants Association was "sponsored and run by Communists or radicals". The informant regards JOAN and FRANCIS JENNINGS with suspicion due to their connection with and association with members of the above association.

(T-12, 4-11-49)

Following is a description of JOAN JENNINGS:

Name	JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS
Aliases	Mrs. Francis P. Jennings, Catherine Frost
Age	32
Date of Birth	January 31, 1917
Place of Birth	Baltimore, Maryland
Height	5'1"
Weight	120 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Nationality	American
Occupation	Reporter
Education	College
Marital Status	Married; husband - FRANCIS P. JENNINGS

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Mother

~~MARIA WOOLLCOTT, nee BLOEDA, born~~  
~~Maryland~~

Father

Residence

~~MR. & MRS. WILLIAM WOOLLCOTT, born New Jersey~~  
~~Apartment 363, Carl Mackley Apart-~~  
~~ments, "M" and Bristol Streets,~~  
~~Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.~~

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T-1: Anonymous source.

T-2:

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Information furnished to SA Franklin Wilder.

T-3:

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6-13-45, SA John F. Sutton, Jr.  
2-5-46, SA William J. Sheehy

T-4:

[redacted]  
6-23-46, SE E. Davis Porter  
7-12-48, SE Edward J. Craig  
6-18-46, SE Edward J. Craig  
9-16-46, SE Edward J. Craig  
10-4-48, SE John J. Gallagher  
10-7-47, SE Robert E. Maley  
2-18-48, SE Joseph G. Memler

T-5:

[redacted]  
9-28-46, SE Robert E. Maley  
6-27-46, SE E. Davis Porter  
10-29-46, SE Edward J. Craig  
11-12-46, SE William J. Nolan  
10-30-46, SE Raymond J. Bott  
4-15-47, SE Robert E. Maley

T-6:

[redacted]  
9-13-47, SE Robert E. Maley  
7-19-46, SE E. Davis Porter  
9-11-46, SE E. Davis Porter  
10-2-47, SE Charles B. Murnin  
1-17-48, SE R. C. Smith  
1-28-49, SE Gerald M. Lanahan  
2-6-48, SE Robert F. Gregson, Jr.

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[REDACTED] 2-7-45, SA's Thomas N.

Watkins and Harry W. McClugage  
4-4-45, SA's Alexander W. Neale, William H. Naylor  
7-19-45, SA's Patrick M. Rice and Cecil E. Nickel

T-8:

[REDACTED]

Furnished to SE R. E. Maley.

T-9:

[REDACTED]

Furnished to SA's Albert L. Pierce and Edward A. Murphy.

T-10:

Symbol not used.

T-11:

Trash cover on ADA FRANKEL, 5032 North Boudinot Street, handled  
by SE Robert F. Gregson, Jr.

T-12:

ALFRED A. HAHN, Manager, Carl Mackley Apartments, furnished SA  
CARL R. SCHLATTER.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, was  
SECURITY MATTER (C)  
(Bureau File 100-72937)

DATE: August 19, 1949

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Enclosed herewith is the report of Special Agent William H. Naylor, Philadelphia, dated August 19, 1949, relating to the above-captioned individual.

In view of the subject's inactivity in Communist Party affairs, JOAN JENNINGS is being removed from the key figure list in the Philadelphia Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA  
SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, Was.,  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: March 2, 1950

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES <sup>(1)</sup> Catherine Frost, Joan Woollcott

RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-72937)

DATE: September 24, 1951

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-72937)

DATE: 10-13-51

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: JOAN JENNINGS, was.  
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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

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NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370975)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 3-13-53

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

XX The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/30/54</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/26; 4/12-21/54</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HAROLD M. RATCHFORD (cam)</b>
TITLE <b>JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, was., Mrs. Francis P. Jennings, Catherine Frost</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

Synopsis of Facts: *yes MB* SUMMARY REPORT

Subject presently resides at 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and is employed as a housewife. Confidential Informants, of known reliability, advised that the subject was a member of the Northeast Club, CPA, EPD, in 1945; was Membership Director of Section 9, CP, EPD, in 1946, and was active in the Kensington Branch, CP, EPD, from 1943-1946. Informants further advised that subject was active on behalf of the CP, EPD, in 1946-1948. CP meetings attended by the subject set out. Informants reported that subject was on a mailing list of the American Council for a Democratic Greece in 1947; was active in the Independent Voters League in 1943 and 1953; was active on behalf of the Progressive Party in 1951, and had written numerous articles in the Pennsylvania edition of "The Worker" in 1948 and 1949. Description set out.

DETAILS: All Confidential Informants mentioned in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise designated.

For the purpose of brevity the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, will be referred to as the CP, EPD.

All addresses contained in this report are at Philadelphia, Pa., unless otherwise designated.

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BACKGROUND

Birth Data

In January, 1950, the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Baltimore, Md., were reviewed and reflected that JOAN WOOLLCOTT was born on January 31, 1917, at Baltimore.

Education

Subject graduated from Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., in 1939, where she majored in Journalism.

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Marital Status

On October 24, 1951, SE PAUL J. HOTTINGER reviewed records of the Marriage License Bureau, City Hall, which reflected that JOAN WOOLLCOTT, who was born on January 31, 1917, and resided at 2408 Spruce Street, married FRANCIS JENNINGS on December 6, 1940, at Philadelphia.

Credit-Criminal

On February 26, 1954, a representative of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., advised SE LEONARD C. PETERSON that a credit record could not be located for the subject.

On February 26, 1954, a representative of the Philadelphia Police Department advised SE JAMES P. CREED that no arrest record could be located for the subject under her true name or any of her known aliases.

Employment

Informant advised that the subject was employed as a reporter for the Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin," a Philadelphia daily newspaper, from 1939-1945.

(T-2, 1/45)

Informant advised that subject was employed with the above newspaper from 1945-1948.

(T-3, 3/23/48)

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Subject is presently employed as a housewife at her residence, 215 East Johnson Street.

(T-4, 4/15/54)

Residences:

The following is a list of the subject's previous residences:

1940	116 Woodlawn Avenue, Eden Terrace, Catonsville, Md.
10/42	2204 Rittenhouse Street, Philadelphia.
1944	2114 Manning Street, Philadelphia
1945 -	2408 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.
12/18/52	1741 North 32nd Street, Philadelphia.
	116 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia.
	Carl Mackley Apartments, "M" and Bristol Streets, Philadelphia.

(T-1, supra, 12/8/42

T-2, supra, 1/45

T-5, 2/11/53)

JOAN JENNINGS presently resides at 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia.

(T-4, 4/15/54)

SUBJECT'S CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Communist Political Association (CPA)

Mrs. JOAN JENNINGS', 363 Mackley Apartments, "M" and Bristol Streets, name appeared on a membership list of the Northeast Club, CPA, in 1945.

(T-6, 4/4/45)

Communist Party Membership

JOAN JENNINGS was Membership Director of Section 9, CP, EPD, in 1946.

(T-3, 6/18/46)

Informant advised that he observed 1944 CP Registration Card #103861, which contained no name; however, he believed the owner of this card was the subject from the information contained thereon, which read as follows:

"Branch, Musicians and Artists; Section 8, EPD; Race, white; Sex, female; Age, 26; Industry, Newspaper; Occupation, Reporter; Trade Union, CIO; National Origin, American, and holder was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker."

(T-7, 10/21/46)



Informant advised that he observed 1947 CP Registration Card #77396, which contained no name; however, he believed the owner of this card was the subject from the information contained thereon, which read as follows:

"Club, Mayfair; Occupation, Reporter; Industry, Newspaper; Age, 29; Race, White; Sex, Female; Time in Party, 7 years; Member CIO Union; National Origin, American, and a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker".

(T-8, 3/29/47)

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Subject was a member of and was active in the Kensington Branch, CP, EPD, from 1943-1946.

(T-9, 6/11/52)

#### Subject's Communist Party Activities

JOAN JENNINGS was soliciting pledges in Section 9, CP, EPD, on behalf of the CP Sustainer Fund in 1946; however, informant could furnish no additional information concerning these pledges.

(T-3, 9/11/46)

Subject was active in the campaign of ESTELIE SHOHEN, candidate for the Pennsylvania Legislature on the CP ticket during the 1946 Elections; however, informant could not furnish any additional information.

(T-3, 10/30/46)

ESTELIE SHOHEN during 1946 and 1947 was active as Educational Director of Section 6, CP, EPD.

(T-10, 1/22/52)

Informant advised that the subject and her husband, FRANCIS JENNINGS, sent the following telegram:

"Attorney General Tom Clark, Washington, D.C.

Urge you release Williamson on bail according to American procedure."

(T-3, 2/18/48)

JOHN WILLIAMSON was a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, who was indicted and later convicted under the Smith Act of 1940, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROBERT KLONSKY, Organizational Secretary, CP, EPD, assigned JOAN JENNINGS the task of organizing CP members to testify before the Eastern Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report investigating the high cost of living in 1947.

(T-12, 9/6/47)

The October 1, 1947 edition of the "Philadelphia Inquirer," page three, a Philadelphia daily newspaper, carried a photograph of the subject testifying before the Joint Congressional Committee investigating the high cost of living in Philadelphia.

JOAN JENNINGS of Section 9, CP, EPD, turned in \$40.36 to the CP District Headquarters Office for tickets to the Lenin Memorial; however, informant could furnish no additional information.  
(T-13, 2/4/47)

Communist Party Meetings  
Attended by the Subject

The following is a list of CP meetings attended by the subject:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Meeting</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Furnished Information</u>
9/30/44	Northeast Club, CPA, 4346 Frankford Ave.	Quarterly meeting of the Northeast Club, CPA.	Discussion of 1944 Presidential Election.	T-14, 9/30/44
2/7/45	"	Northeast Club, CPA.	Discussion of Pa. Fair Employment Practices Commission.	T-45, 2/7/45
4/4/45	"	"	Discussion of Northeast Club policies.	T-14, 4/4/45
6/10/45	Musical Fund Hall, 810 Locust Street.	District Conference, CPA, EPD.	Discussion of CPA policies.	T-15, 6/13/45 T-16, 6/13/45

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Meeting</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Furnished Information</u>
7/19/45	Northeast Club, CPA, 4346 Frankford Ave.	Northeast Club, CPA.	Election of delegates to CPA Convention to be held at a later date.	T-14, 7/19/45
1/13/46	Commodore Hotel, 313 S. Broad Street.	1946 Election Conference, CP, EPD.	Subject spoke on work of Northeast Club, CP, EPD.	T-16, 2/5/46
6/23/46	Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar Sts.	District Con- vention of CP, EPD.	Policies of CP, EPD.	T-3, 6/23/46
9/28/46	Broadwood Hotel, Broad and Wood Sts.	District Con- vention, CP, EPD.	"	T-3, 9/28/46
11/1/46	IWO Hall, 1306 North 7th St.	Membership Directors meeting	Discussed recruitment of new members.	T-3, 11/2/46
6/7/50	Chris J. Perry Hall, 1416 N. Broad St.	CP Conference	Discussion of Import- ance of Negroes in CP	T-17, 6/7/50 T-18, 6/7/50
1/19/51	Cartier's Hall, 1811 Columbia Ave.	Women's Commission, CP, EPD.	Discussion for Peace	T-17, 1/24/51

ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT'S HUSBAND, FRANCIS P. JENNINGS

Informant furnished an undated leaflet from the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, Local 556, United Public Workers of America, which reflected that FRANCIS P. JENNINGS was President of this union.

(T-19, 2/20/50)

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In April, 1947, Teachers Union of Philadelphia Local 556, United Public Workers of America, was dominated by the CP and Communist sympathizers who were running the union for the benefit of themselves and the CP.

(T-19, 4/15/47)

The February 17, 1950 issue of the "Philadelphia Inquirer," a Philadelphia daily newspaper, page five, column five, carried an article which stated that the United Public Workers of America (UPWA) was expelled from the CIO on February 16, 1950, on charges that they followed the policy of the CP rather than the policy of the CIO.

The Teachers Union (TU) of Philadelphia, formerly Local 556, UPWA, recently broke with the UPWA to avoid the possibility of the names of members being divulged in the event the UPWA was required to register membership with the U.S. Attorney General as a Communist front organization.

(T-20, 5/13/53)

SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNIST  
PARTY FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

American Council for a Democratic Greece

The name of JOAN JENNINGS appeared on a mailing list of the American Council for a Democratic Greece in 1947.

(T-21, 11/15/47)

The American Council for a Democratic Greece has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Independent Voters League

Subject donated \$90.00 to the Independent Voters League. Informant further advised that subject was on a list of poll watchers, submitted to the County Board of Elections by the Independent Voters League in 1943.

(T-22, 12/16/43)

Subject attended a meeting of the Independent Voters League on December 7, 1953, at the Germantown YWCA, 5820 Germantown Avenue.

(T-23, 12/9/53)

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The Independent Voters League was a Communist controlled organization which operated in 1943 to sponsor JULES C. ABERCAUPH for Mayor Philadelphia.

(T-24, 10/30/43)

JULES C. ABERCAUPH was an active member of the CP in 1943.

T-25, another government agency which conducts security type investigations, 10/5/43)

Locust Book Shop

Informant advised that the name of Mrs. F. JENNINGS, Carl Mackley Apartments, "M" and Bristol Streets, was on a mailing list of the Locust Book Shop in 1947.

(T-26, 4/11/47)

The Locust Book Shop was known to be the local dissemination center for CP literature in Philadelphia.

(T-26, 5/27/46)

Progressive Party

Informant advised that in registering for the 1950 Municipal Elections, JOAN W. JENNINGS, Carl Mackley Apartments, indicated a preference for the Progressive Party.

(T-28, a municipal agency which conducts security type investigations, 2/26/54)

JOAN JENNINGS was active on behalf of the Progressive Party in 1951.

(T-27, 2/27/51)

The Progressive Party has been actively supported by leaders of the CP, EPD. The leaders have stated at closed meetings that the CP will continue to take action to support and strengthen the Progressive Party.

(T-17, 12/12/50)

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Teachers Union of Philadelphia  
Local 556, UPWA

JOAN JENNINGS was active in the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, Local 556, UPWA, in arranging meetings, preparing mailing lists, and soliciting contributions from 1951-1953.

(T-28, 3/1/51  
T-32, 10/17/52  
T-30, 5/13/53  
T-31, 11/5/53  
T-33, 10/7/53)

Characterization of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, Union 556, UPWA, has been previously set forth in this report.

Daily Worker Press Club

JOAN JENNINGS, 2214 Manning Street, was issued 1943 Daily Worker Press Club card #19924.

(T-34, 4/2/44)

JOAN JENNINGS of the Mayfair Club was issued 1946 Daily Worker Press Club card #5331.

(T-35, 4/11/48)

The Daily Worker Press Club has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"Daily Worker"

Informant stated that JOAN JENNINGS was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" in 1944.

(T-36, 2/44)

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

"The Worker"

Informant advised that JOAN JENNINGS was writing articles for "The Worker" in 1947.

(T-3, 10/22/47)

JOAN JENNINGS was writing for "The Worker" under the pen name of CATHERINE FROST in 1948.

(T-3, 1/27/48  
2/6/48)

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A review of the 1948 editions of "The Worker" reflected that 11 articles appeared under the pen name of CATHERINE FROST.

A review of the 1949 editions of "The Worker" reflected that 16 articles appeared under the pen name of CATHERINE FROST entitled "Class Angles."

JOAN JENNINGS of the Mayfair Club, Section 9, was a subscriber to "The Worker" in 1947 and 1948.

(T-37, 5/8/48)

Subject planned to work on "The Worker" with WALTER LOWENFELS; however, informant could furnish no additional information.

(T-38, 2/2/50)

From 1948-1950, WALTER LOWENFELS was listed as Managing Editor of the Pennsylvania Edition of the Worker.

#### DESCRIPTION

The following is the description of the subject as furnished by T-1 on December 8, 1942, and T-3 on March 23, 1948:

*5/9/48*

Name	JOAN <del>WOOLLCOTT</del> JENNINGS, was., Mrs. Francis P. Jennings, Catherine Frost.
Date of Birth	<u>1/31/17</u>
Place of Birth	<u>Baltimore, Md.</u>
Age	<u>37 (1954)</u>
Sex	Female
Race	White
Height	5' 1"
Weight	120
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital status	Married
Immediate relatives	Husband, FRANCIS P. JENNINGS Son, MICHAEL, age 5; 215 E. Johnson Street, Philadelphia.
Residence	215 E. Johnson Street, Philadelphia. <i>PA.</i>

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T-1 Pa. State Police, Rpt. Pvt. CHARGES G. MOODY, Troop A, Motor Police, dated 12/8/42	Education and background	12/8/42	Mail	100-13460-1
T-2 Mr. JOHN FLEET, Acting Feature Editor, Phila. "Evening Bulletin," Phila.	Employment	1/45	SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR (oral)	100-13460-23
T-3 [REDACTED]	Employment and background	3/23/48		
	Position in CP	6/18/46		
	Activity in CP	9/11/46		
	"	10/30/46		
	Telegram by sub- ject.	2/18/48		
	Attended CP meeting	6/23/46		
	Attended CP Dis- trict Committee meeting.	9/28/46		
	Attended Member- ship Directors meeting.	11/2/46		
	Subject writing for "The Worker"	10/22/47		
	"	1/27/48		
	"	2/6/48		



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T-4 Pretext telephone call to subject's residence, GE 8-0190, re credit info.	Present employ- ment and residence	4/15/54	SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD (oral)	Instant rep
T-5 ALFRED HAHN, CS of Phila. Office	Residence	2/11/53	SA WILBUR S. METCALF (oral)	100-13460-162
T-6 Anonymous Source				
T-7 T/c on residence BENJAMIN WEISS, 5266 Parkside Ave., Phila., through coop. WM. VAUGHAN, Supt., 38th and Market Sts. Depot, Dept. Street Cleaning	Subject's CP membership mem	10/21/46	SA WM. E. HUGHES (written)	100-13460-100
T-8 Anonymous Source				
T-9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 40px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Subject's membership in CP	6/11/52	SA's JOS. E. KELLY, JOHN J. SHEEHAN (oral)	100-13460-152
T-10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Characterization ESTELLE SHOEN	1/22/52		
T-11 Not Used				

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T-12 [redacted]	Subject's CP activities	9/6/47		
T-13 T/c on residence ADA FRANKEL, 5032 N. Boudinot St., through coop. Mr. JOS. CROSSIN, Supt., 4th and Wyoming Ave. Depot, City St. Cleaning Dept.	"	2/4/47	SE ROBERT F.GREGSON Jr. (written)	100-13460-1A-2
T-14 CP meeting Fisur at N.E. Club, attended by CPA, 4346 Frankford subject Ave., Phila... through coop. [redacted]	"	9/30/44	SA's JOHN DOOLEY, FRANK J. SMITH, JAMES T. HAVERTY, without aid technical equipment.	100-13460-14
"	"	2/7/45	SA's THOMAS N. WATKINS, HARRY W. McCLUGAGE without aid tech. equip.	100-13460-39
"	"	4/4/45	SA's WM.H. NAYLOR, ALEX. W. NWALE	100-13460-44
"	"	7/19/45	SA's PATRICK M. RICE, CECIL E. NICKEL	100-13460-49
T-15 [redacted]	Subject attended CP District Convention	6/13/45	SA FRANKLIN WALDES (oral)	100-13460-46

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T-16 [REDACTED]	Subject attended CP District Convention	6/13/45	SA JOHN F. SUTTON Jr. (oral)	100-13460-47
	Subject attended 1946 Election Con- ference, CP, EPD	2/5/46	SA WILLIAM J. SHEEHY (oral)	100-13460-52
T-17 [REDACTED]	Subject attended CP Conference on 6/7/50.	6/7/50	SA JAMES E. HELMER (written)	[REDACTED]
	Subject attended Women's Commission Meeting on 1/19/51	1/24/51	"	
	Characterization Prog. Party	12/12/50		
T-18	Photographic surveillance at entrance Chris J. Perry Hall, 1416 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia; photos taken by SA's HOWARD A. SEARL and WILLIAM E. HUGHES on 6/7/50; subject identified by [REDACTED] Photos located 100-1562-2164, reel 2.			
T-19 ABRAHAM TOBIAS, Principal, McCall Public H.S., 7th and Delancey St., Phila. (by request)	Characterization subject's husband	2/20/50	SA JOHN A. HEBENSTREIT 3(21) (oral)	100-31526-1B-
	Characterization Local 556, UPWA	4/15/47		
T-20 [REDACTED]	Characterization Local 556, UPWA	5/13/53		
T-21	Anonymous Source			

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T-22 Mr. HARRY MALONEY, Clerk, County Board of Elections, City Hall (by request)	Subject's activity in Independent Voters League	12/16/43	SA RICHARD W. WRIGHT (oral)	100-13460-5
T-23 [redacted]	Subject attended IVL meeting.	12/9/53	SA's JEREMIAH W. DOYLE, WM. F. McLAUGHLIN (written)	[redacted]
T-24 Anonymous Source				
T-25 ONI	Characterization JULES C. ABERCAUPH	10/5/43		
T-26 [redacted]	Subject on mailing list Locust Book Shop	4/11/47	SA JOSPEH M. ADAMS (written)	100-13460-63
	Characterization Locust Book Shop	5/27/46		
T-27 T/c on residence DAVID NEIFELD, 2728 W. Huntingdon St., Phila.	Subject's activity in Prog. Party	2/27/51	SE WALTER J. SEARLE (written)	100-13460-133
T-28 Phila. PD	Subject registered for Prog. Party	2/26/54	SE JAMES P. CREED (oral)	Instant rep
	Activity in Teachers Union	3/1/51	SA NORRIS S. HARZENSTEIN	100-13460-130
T-29 Not Used				
T-30 [redacted]	Activity in Teachers Union	5/13/53	SA's WM. F. McLAUGHLIN, RALPH J.T. CARTER (oral)	100-13460-166

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T-31 [REDACTED]	Subject's activity in Teachers Union	11/5/53		
T-32 Mrs. DOROTHY TAYLOR, 525 Burnham Road, Phila. (by request)	"	10/17/52	SA WM.F. McLAUGHLIN	100-13460-15
T-33 [REDACTED]	"	10/7/53	SA WILBUR S.METCALF	100-31576- 1B-5(12)
T-34 Anonymous Source				
T-35 Anonymous Source				
T-36 Mr. F.ELMER YOUNG, Supt., Catonsville P.O., Catonsville, Md. (by request)	Subject's sub- scription to the "Daily Worker."	2/44	Rerep SA ROBERT C.WEAVER dated 3/6/44, at Balt.	
T-37 Anonymous Source				
T-38 [REDACTED]	Activity on behalf "Daily Worker"	2/2/50		

## REFERENCE:

Report SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR dated  
8/19/49, at Philadelphia.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370975)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOLLCOTT JENNINGS, was.  
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(OO - Philadelphia)

DATE: 12-1-54

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[redacted] has previously supplied information concerning the above-captioned subject.

[redacted]

is now available to testify in any legal or administrative proceedings.

The information supplied by [redacted] concerning the captioned subject is set forth in the following reports:

Summary report of SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD, dated April 30, 1954, at Philadelphia, as T-16;

Report of SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, dated August 19, 1949, at Philadelphia, as T-3.

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FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-13460)

SUBJECT: *bc* JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS, was.;  
SM - C.  
(OO - Philadelphia)

DATE: 3/8/55

Re SAC Letters 55-8 (A) and 55-12.

Reliable informants have advised subject was a member of the Communist Political Association (CPA) in 1945; was Membership Director of Section 9, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) in 1946; was active on behalf of CPA and CPEPD, 1943-48; attended CP meetings, 1950, 1951; was on mailing list of Locust Book Shop in 1947 (LBS was dissemination point for CP literature); was active on behalf of Progressive Party (PP) in 1951; subscribed to "The Worker" or the "Daily Worker" in 1944, 1947, 1948; contributed articles to "The Worker" in 1948 and 1949; planned to work with WALTER LOWENFELS, Managing Editor, "Pennsylvania Edition, The Worker" in 1950; attended a Philadelphia Women for Peace meeting in 3/54; was associate of HENRY BEITSCHER, PP leader in 1954 and was asked by him to write articles for a PP affair and a PP demonstration during 1954; was a sponsor of a Symposium in Defense of the First Amendment held on 11/12/54, at which trial of CPEPD leaders at Philadelphia in 1954 was condemned along with Communist Control Act of 1954.

The above information has been checked by Field Supervisor FRED C. BIRKBY, and the retention of the subject on SI is recommended.

Subject's SI card is not presently tabbed; no tabbing is recommended.

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FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-13460)

SUBJECT: *0*  
JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS;  
SM - C.  
(OO - Philadelphia)

DATE: 5/5/55

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Reference: SAC Letters 55-12 and 55-30

Succinct Resume of Case

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It is noted that the CP meetings attended by subject in 6/50 and in 1/51 were, respectively, a CP conference where the importance of Negroes in the CP was discussed, and a meeting of the Women's Commission, CPEPD.

In 3/55 an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised subject and her husband edited a book by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia (which reportedly broke away from the United Public Workers of America to avoid possible divulgence of members' names in event UPWA was required to register with the Attorney General of the United States as a Communist Front) entitled "The Case Against the School Board." It is noted that subject has been a newspaper reporter; also that, subsequent to HCUA hearings in 1953, several Philadelphia school teachers were fired for refusal to answer questions put to them by the HCUA (and the Philadelphia Superintendent of Schools) re CP activities.

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Recommendation: Retain on Security Index

The above information has been checked by Field Supervisor FRED C. BIRKBY, and retention of the subject on SI is recommended because of her attendance at CP meetings within the past five years (1950-51) and her reported activity on behalf of front organizations in 1954.

Detcom Tabbing

*I agree  
for*

1. Subject's SI card is not tabbed for Detcom.
2. No recommendation for Detcom tabbing has been made under the criteria in SAC Letter 55-12.
3. It is recommended that subject's SI card not be tabbed for Detcom.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370975)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, was.  
SM - C

DATE: 8-12-55

Card U.T.D.  
8/24/55

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

XX The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, First Methodist Church, 6023 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/31/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/22; 8/4, 5, 12, 15, 16, 17/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHESTER M. MC MILLAN (kog)</b>
TITLE <b>JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS was.</b> <i>Mrs. Francis P. Jennings</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

In 8/55, JENNINGS resided at 215 E. Johnson St., Phila., Pa., and was employed at the First Methodist Church, 6023 Germantown Avenue, Phila., Pa. Informants furnished the following information concerning JENNINGS. Between 1947 and 1952, JENNINGS was a member of the Kensington Section, CP, EPD; in 3/53, JENNINGS attended a forum held under the auspices of the Philadelphia Women for Peace in Philadelphia; in 1955, JENNINGS assisted in the editing of a book by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia; in 1954 JENNINGS prepared a letter for the Progressive Party and was a close associate of HENRY BEITSCHER.

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BACKGROUND

On July 22, 1955, Mrs. EMMA SLOSS, 229 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised SA J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY that JOAN JENNINGS resided at 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and was employed as a Secretary at the First Methodist Church, 6023 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

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On July 22, 1955, Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had learned that JOAN JENNINGS was employed as a Secretary at the First Methodist Church located at the corner of Haines Street and Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

On April 14, 1955, Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JENNINGS resided at 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, and was a housewife.

On August 4, 1955, SE LEONARD C. PETERSON reviewed the records of the Philadelphia Police Department and found no criminal record for JENNINGS.

On August 4, 1955, EDWARD MC GOLDRICK, Assistant Manager, Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., advised SE LEONARD C. PETERSON that the Credit Bureau had no record for JENNINGS.

#### CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party (CP), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On June 1, 1954, Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that between 1947 and 1952, JENNINGS was one of the members of the Kensington Section, Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CP,EPD).

#### CONNECTIONS WITH THE PHILADELPHIA WOMEN FOR PEACE

On March 22, 1955, Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on March 19, 1954, JENNINGS attended a forum held under the auspices of the Philadelphia Women For Peace which was held at the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia.

On March 18, 1950, May 18, 1950, and August 27, 1950, Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Committee of Philadelphia Women For Peace, which is also known as the Philadelphia Women For Peace, originated directly from the Women's Commission of the CP, EPD. Officers of the Committee were elected at a meeting held

March 30, 1950 in the office of JACOB ~~FELSENSTEIN~~, Organizer, Section 11, CP, EPD, at 920 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Plans were made at that time to carry out a program of activities in the fight for peace.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE TEACHERS UNION  
OF PHILADELPHIA

On March 11, 1955, Confidential Informant T-2 advised he had learned that JOAN and FRANCIS P. ~~JENNINGS~~ (her husband) did the editing of the new book by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia entitled "The Case Against the School Board."

On February 20, 1952, Confidential Informant T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a leaflet of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, Local 556, United Public Workers of America, which reflected that FRANCIS P. JENNINGS was the President of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia in 1952.

On January 5, 1955, HERMAN E. THOMAS, 518 North 23rd Street, Allentown, Pa., testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board in Washington, D. C., in proceedings in the case of the Civil Rights Congress, Docket #106-53, as set forth on Pages 2123 and 2124 of the transcript of the hearing. This transcript reflects that THOMAS testified that the question of getting our troops out of China was discussed by the Communist Party at a conference held in Philadelphia at the Commodore Hotel on South Broad Street in about October of 1945. THOMAS testified that JOSEPH KUZMA and a "comrade" by the name of FRANCIS JENNINGS were recalled as particularly discussing this question. THOMAS testified the Communist Party issued leaflets demanding the removal of our troops from China.

The above hearings were held following the submission of a petition to the Subversive Activities Control Board by the Attorney General of the United States that the Civil Rights Congress, as a Communist front organization, be ordered to comply with the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JOSEPH KUZMA and eight others were found guilty of conspiring to advocate and teach the violent overthrow of the government of the United States in violation of the Smith Act

of 1940 by a jury in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Pa., on August 13, 1954. On June 20, 1955, they were sentenced, but are waiting a decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

On November 9, 1953, Confidential Informant T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, as Local 192, was expelled from the American Federation of Labor in 1941 because of charges of Communist domination. It operated as an independent union until 1944, at which time, it affiliated with the CIO as Local 556 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America. In 1946, it became Local 556 of the United Public Workers of America. In 1950, the United Public Workers of America was expelled from the CIO for adhering to the CP line; however, Local 556 chose to stay with the United Public Workers of America despite these charges. This affiliation continued until 1953, when the Teachers Union of Philadelphia left the United Public Workers of America to become an independent union. Informant stated that for many years the CP members in this union have managed to be elected officers and have thus controlled the entire union in adherence to the CP line.

On March 24, 1955, Confidential Informant T-2 advised that the leadership and the motivating course within the Teachers Union of Philadelphia continue to be composed of CP members.

#### CONNECTIONS WITH THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY

The National Committee, CP, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs" issue of July 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and greatly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections. It then states "However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace: it represented the emergence of a great mass people's party." As a result of this reasoning, it concludes that the "Progressive Party, the Communist Party, and other Progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass front coalition.

"Political Affairs" was cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities Report #1920, dated May 1, 1948, on Pages 5 and 36, and Report #209, dated April 1, 1947 on Page 25, as an "official Communist Party monthly theoretical organ." "Political Affairs," formerly known as "The Communist," "a monthly magazine of the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism published by the Communist Party of the USA," now calls itself "a magazine devoted to the theory and practice of Marxism-Leninism. Its Chief Editor is EUGENE DENNIS, Executive Secretary of the Party."

On December 12, 1950 and December 11, 1952, Confidential Informant T-5 advised that the Progressive Party has been actively supported by the leaders of the CP, EPD. The leaders have stated at closed meetings that the CP will continue to take action to support and strengthen the Progressive Party.

On May 2, 1954, Confidential Informant T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had learned on that date that JOAN JENNINGS had prepared a letter for the Progressive Party to use in connection with the Progressive Party demonstration on the topic of "Indo-China and the H Bomb," as planned for the week end of May 8, 1954.

On July 9, 1954, Confidential Informant T-7 advised that in July 1954 ~~HENRY BEITSCHER~~ was a close associate of JENNINGS.

On July 19, 1954, Confidential Informant T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that in 1954 HENRY BEITSCHER was the Executive Director of the Progressive Party of Pennsylvania and was a member of the CP, EPD.

#### DESCRIPTION

On August 5, 1955, GEORGE RANDENBUSH, Clerk, Voters Registration Commission, Philadelphia, Pa., made available to

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SE LEONARD C. PETERSON Voters Registration Certificate #488865-4,  
dated March 27, 1953, which reflected the following information:

Name:	JOAN W. JENNINGS
Address:	215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Occupation:	Housewife
Race:	White
Sex:	Female
Height:	5'2"
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Born:	January 31, 1917 in Maryland

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Administrative Details

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Subject is on the Security Index of the Philadelphia Office and her SI card has been reviewed and found to be current and correct.

Informants

T-1 - [ ]	Employment	7/22/55	SAs WILLIAM F.MC LAUGHLIN, FURMAN N. GREER (oral)	100-13460-202
T-2 - [ ]	Residence and employment	4/14/55	SA JEREMIAH W.DOYLE (oral)	100-13460-198
	Editing Teachers Union of Philadelphia Book	3/11/55	SA WILLIAM F.MC LAUGHLIN (oral)	100-13460-197
	Characterization Teachers Union of Philadelphia	3/24/55		

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T-3 - [REDACTED]	CP membership 1947 - 1952	6/1/54	SAs THOMAS J. DOLAN, WILLIAM F. MC LAUGHLIN (oral)	100-13460-182
T-4 - [REDACTED]	Phila. Women for Peace Forum 3/19/54	3/22/55	SA WALTER J. SHERIDAN (oral)	100-13460-178
T-5 - [REDACTED]	Characterization Phila. Women for Peace	3/18/50 5/18/50 8/27/50		
	Characterization Progressive Party	12/12/50 12/11/52		
T-6 - [REDACTED]	Characterization Teachers Union of Phila.	11/9/53		
T-7 - [REDACTED]	Progressive Party activity	5/2/54		
	Association with HENRY BEITSCHER	7/9/54		
T-8 - [REDACTED]	Characterization of HENRY BEITSCHER	7/19/54		

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T-9 - ABRAHAM TOBIAS, Principal, McCall Public School, 7th and Delancey Streets, Phila., Pa. (By request)	Characterization FRANCIS P. JENNINGS	2/20/52		

Reference

Report of SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD, dated  
4/30/54, at Philadelphia

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TO : Director, FBI (100-370975)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, was  
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DATE: 1-3-56

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Housewife

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE OF CASE <b>JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS, was.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>EIMER T. MILLER</b>	TYPED BY <b>KSK</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

*Mrs. Francis Jennings*

SYNOPSIS:  
*Chase*

Subject resides 215 East Johnson Street and is employed only as a housewife. Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in Philadelphia, know of no recent activities on the part of the subject. Informant advised subject attended a lecture sponsored by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia on 11/4/55.

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Bd 11-11*

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CC TO: <i>Chase</i>
REQ. REC'D <i>3-65</i>
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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Residence and  
Employment

On March 2, 1956, Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject resides at 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., with her husband, FRANCIS JENNINGS.

On May 29, 1956, Mrs. JARY JOHNSON, 220 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, advised SA ELMER T. MILLER that JOAN JENNINGS resides at 215 East Johnson Street, with her husband, FRANCIS P. JENNINGS, and that JOAN JENNINGS is employed only as a housewife and spends most of her time caring for a small son who has rheumatic fever.

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Mrs. JOHNSON advised that the JENNINGS' appear to be very quiet people and seldom have visitors. She said she has no reason to doubt their loyalty to the U. S. Government.

On May 29, 1956, an Agent of the FBI observed the subject in the yard of 215 East Johnsons Street.

Re: FRANCIS P. JENNINGS

The May 22, 1955, edition of the "Penna. Edition, The Worker," carried an article on Page 15, Column 3, captioned, "School Board Run by Gang, Says Unionists." The article refers to FRANCIS P. JENNINGS as President of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia.

The February 11, 1954, two star edition of the Evening Bulletin on Page 1, Column 8, carried an article captioned, "JENNINGS Says He Is Not Communist Now." According to the article, JENNINGS told the Philadelphia Board of Education that he was not then a Communist and had not been a Communist since the date he signed the Pennsylvania State Loyalty Oath (March 1952).

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"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The Teachers Union of Philadelphia will be characterized later in this report.

On June 1, 1956, Reverend Doctor D. S. LARGE, Pastor, First Methodist Church, Haines Street and Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, advised SA ELMER T. MILLER that JOAN JENNINGS had been employed by the church as a second secretary and typist from the summer of 1954 through August 1955, at which time she left because of the illness of her son. Dr. LARGE advised that he knew little about JENNINGS since she is a member of another church but that she did her work well and would be rehired in the same capacity should she be needed. Dr. LARGE stated that Mrs. JENNINGS had, to his knowledge, given no one any reason to suspect that she was connected with any subversive organization. He said that he had heard rumors that JOAN and FRANCIS JENNINGS had been Communists in the past but that he did not know the basis for these rumors and had never discussed the matter with JOAN JENNINGS.

#### Credit and Criminal

On May 17, 1956, a representative of the Philadelphia Police Department advised SE LEONARD C. PETERSON that the files of the police department contained no record on JOAN JENNINGS or Mrs. FRANCIS P. JENNINGS.

On May 17, 1956, JAMES C. JACK, Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., advised SE LEONARD C. PETERSON that the files of the Credit Bureau contained no information on the subject or her husband, FRANCIS P. JENNINGS, since 1950.

#### ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

##### Teachers Union of Philadelphia

On November 9, 1953, Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, as Local 192, was expelled from the American Federation of Labor in 1941 because of charges of Communist domination. It operated as an independent union until 1944, at which time, it affiliated with the CIO as Local

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556 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America. In 1946, it became Local 556 of the United Public Workers of America. In 1950, the United Public Workers of America was expelled from the CIO for adhering to the Communist Party (CP) line; however, Local 556 chose to stay with the United Public Workers of America despite these charges. This affiliation continued until 1953, when the Teachers Union of Philadelphia left the United Public Workers of America to become an independent union. Informant stated that for many years the CP members in this union have managed to be elected officers and have thus controlled the entire union in adherence to the CP line.

On March 24, 1955, Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the leadership and the motivating force within the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, as of March 1955, continued to be composed of CP members.

Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 10, 1955, that the subject had attended a lecture on "Confucianism and Modern China" which was sponsored by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia and held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, on November 4, 1955.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on November 7, 1955, that the subject attended the above lecture.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The following Confidential Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in the Philadelphia area, advised on the dates shown they have no knowledge of any CP activity on the part of the subject within the past year:

T-4	8/23/55
T-5	8/23/55
T-6	5/17/56
T-7	5/21/56
T-8	5/18/56
T-9	5/29/56



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DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from records of the Voters Registration, Philadelphia, from T-1, and from observation by an Agent of the FBI on May 29, 1956:

Name	JOAN WOODCOTT JENNINGS
Race	White
Sex	Female
Height	5' 2"
Weight	105 - 115
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Date of Birth	January 31, 1917
Place of Birth	Maryland
Residence	215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Occupation	Housewife
Marital Status	Married - husband, FRANCIS P. JENNINGS.

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Administrative Details

Subject is on the SI of the Philadelphia Office. Her SI card is current and correct. This case has been re-evaluated per current SI criteria; it still meets those criteria.

The subject was observed on 5/29/56, by SA ELMER T. MILLER.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Informants

T-1.

Residence of  
subject

3/2/56 ✓

JEREMIAH W. 100-13460-214  
DOYLE  
(orally)

Characterization 3/24/55 ✓  
of TUP

TUP, 11/4/55

11/7/55 ✓

JEREMIAH W. 100-13460-212  
DOYLE  
(orally)

T-2.

Characterization 11/9/53 ✓  
of TUP

T-3.

TUP, 11/4/55

11/10/55 ✓

WILLIAM F. 100-13460-209  
McLAUGHLIN  
(orally)

T-4.

Negative info

8/23/55 ✓

ROY L. 100-13460-240  
TUSSEY  
(orally)

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T-5. [redacted]	Negative info	8/23/55 ✓	ROY L. TUSSEY (orally)	100-13460-240
T-6. [redacted]	"	5/17/56 ✓	ROBERT E. This report KENT (orally)	
T-7. [redacted]	"	5/21/56 ✓	B. PERKOW- SKI, Jr. (orally)	"
T-8. [redacted]	"	5/18/56 ✓	R. BURNS TOOLSON (orally)	"
T-9. [redacted]	"	5/29/56 ✓	JOHN T. BLAIR (orally)	"

Reference

Report of SA CHESTER M. McMILLAN, at Philadelphia, 8/31/55.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370975)

DATE: 2/20/57

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
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Card U.T.D.

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ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Clerk-Typist, Germantown Hospital, Penn and Chew Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

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REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PHILADELPHIA	DATE 6/10/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/10,13,17,20,29,31/57
WOODCOFF JOAN WOODCOFF JENNINGS, was.		REPORT MADE BY ELMER T. MILLER	TYPED BY SAC
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject reported residing 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and employed at the Germantown Hospital, Penn and Chew Streets, Philadelphia. Informants who have furnished reliable information in the past advised: subject spoke at a meeting of the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs on 10/27/53; subject attended forums sponsored by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia on 11/2/56, 12/7/56, 1/4/57, and 2/8/57. Informants who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in the Philadelphia area advised they know of no recent CP activity on the part of the subject.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 12, 1957, that JOAN JENNINGS

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and her husband, FRANCIS JENNINGS, then resided at 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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This informant further advised that JOAN JENNINGS was then employed as a clerk-typist at the Germantown Hospital, Penn and Chew Streets, Philadelphia.

Re FRANCIS JENNINGS:

The May 22, 1955, edition of the "Penna. Edition, The Worker" carried an article on Page 15, Column Three, captioned, "School Board Run by Gang, Says Unionist." The article refers to FRANCIS JENNINGS as president of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia.

215 EAST JOHNSON STREET PHILADELPHIA PA  
The Teachers Union of Philadelphia (TUP) will be documented in the appendix.

The February 11, 1954, Two-Star edition of the "Evening Bulletin," a Philadelphia daily newspaper, carried an article on Page One, Column Eight, captioned, "JENNINGS Says He is not Communist Now." According to the article, JENNINGS told the Philadelphia Board of Education that he was not then a Communist and had not been a Communist since the date he signed the Pennsylvania State Loyalty Oath (March 1952).

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper.

Confidential Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 29, 1957, that JOAN JENNINGS continues to reside at 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, and to be employed at the Germantown Hospital.

Credit and Criminal

HOWARD STEVENSON, Philadelphia Police Department, advised SE LEONARD C. PETERSON on May 10, 1957, that there was no criminal record at the Philadelphia Police Department on JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS or Mrs. FRANCIS P. JENNINGS. However, on May 10, 1957, an unknown

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number of file cards were unavailable for review at the Record Room of the Philadelphia Police Department.

EDWARD MC GOLDRICK, Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., advised SE LEONARD C. PETERSON on May 13, 1957, that the records of the credit bureau contained no information on JOAN WOOLCOTT JENNINGS or Mrs. FRANCIS P. JENNINGS.

#### ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT

##### Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs

This organization will be documented in the appendix.

Confidential Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 8, 1957, that the minutes of the meeting of the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs for October 27, 1953, recorded that JOAN JENNINGS was introduced and spoke on the school issues and the coming elections.

##### Teachers Union of Philadelphia

This organization will be documented in the appendix.

Confidential Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 5, 1956, that the subject attended a forum sponsored by the TUP and held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, on November 2, 1956. According to the informant the purpose of the meeting was stated to be to raise money to help defray the cost of legal proceedings involving those teachers who were fired by the Board of Education following their use of the Fifth Amendment before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1953 and 1954.

T-4 advised on December 11, 1956, that the subject attended a lecture forum sponsored by the TUP and held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, on December 7, 1956.

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Confidential Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 10, 1956, that the subject attended the above-mentioned forum on December 7, 1956. According to this informant the subject was Civil Rights, and it was stated that it was a deplorable fact that few gains had been made in this field.

T-4 advised on January 8, 1957, that the subject attended a lecture forum sponsored by the TUP and held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, on January 4, 1957. ~~ESLANDE~~ ROBESON, wife of ~~PAUL~~ ROBESON, spoke at this meeting and stated that she would explain how it was possible that she was a fully accredited correspondent to the United Nations; Communist allegations, State Department, and all the fuss about PAUL notwithstanding. Having explained how she began with research on Africa at the United Nations and then wrote articles for the Negro press, and finally received membership in the United Nations Correspondence Association; Mrs. ROBESON spoke on the role of Africa in world affairs and emphasized the fact that Africa and the Negro are ruled by foreign nations; that the whites in the Union of South Africa will be overcome; and that Asia, Africa, and the Soviet states find themselves natural partners in the struggle for world-wide freedom and justice. NY PA

Re PAUL ROBESON:

On July 15, 1949; an edition of the "Washington Times Herald," a Washington, D.C., newspaper, carried an article entitled, "Probers Told ROBESON is Veteran Red." The article reflects that MANNY JOHNSON, ex-Communist Party (CP) leader, told Congress on July 14, 1949, that PAUL ROBESON has been a member of the CP in New York City and held secret meetings with national functionaries of the CP.

T-4 advised on February 13, 1957, that the subject attended a lecture forum sponsored by the TUP and held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, on February 8, 1957.

MISCELLANEOUS

Several Confidential Informants, who have furnished reliable



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information in the past and who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in the Philadelphia area, advised that they know of no recent CP activity on the part of the subject.

APPENDIX

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EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION OF JEWISH  
WOMEN'S CLUBS

"The Jewish Fraternalist," dated October 1947, self-identified as the official publication of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the International Workers Order (IWO), on Page 6 contained an article which reflected that the Emma Lazarus Division (ELD) of the JPFO was to hold its first national convention in New York City on November 15 and 16, 1947 after having been first established at a National Women's Conference called three years previously by the JPFO.

The "Morning Freiheit" on January 25, 1951 contained a report on the National Convention of the ELD of the JPFO which took place in New York City on January 20 and 21, 1951. At this convention, it was noted the ELD changed its name to Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs (ELF) and adopted a new constitution.

The address of the national office of the ELF is 160 5th Avenue, Room 911, New York City.

Both the IWO and the JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," an East coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of December 9, 1946, Page 7, Column 1, in an editorial referred to the "Morning Freiheit" as a Jewish-language Communist paper.

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TEACHERS UNION OF PHILADELPHIA

A Confidential Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 9, 1953 that the organization as Local 192 was expelled from the American Federation of Labor in 1941 because of charges of Communist domination. It operated as an independent union until 1944, at which time it affiliated with the CIO as Local 556 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America. In 1946, it became Local 556 of the United Public Workers of America. In 1950, the UPWA was expelled from the CIO for adhering to the Communist Party line. However, Local 556 chose to stay with the UPWA despite these charges. This affiliation continued until 1953 when the Teachers Union of Philadelphia left the UPWA to become an independent. T-1 stated that for many years the Communist Party members in this union have managed to be elected officers and have thus controlled the entire union in its adherence to the CP line.

Another Confidential Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 24, 1955 that the leadership and motivating force within the TUP continues to be composed of CP members.

The latter informant advised on April 5, 1956 and May 14, 1956 that the Teachers Union of Philadelphia had become a very weak organization. He said the group was merely biding its time until it could reorganize under more favorable conditions. This informant said that the leadership of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia continues to be composed of Communist Party members and Communist Party sympathizers.

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Administrative Data

Subject is on the Security Index; her SI card is current and correct; it contains a good photograph.

This case has been re-evaluated per current SI criteria; it still meets those criteria.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and T symbols used only where necessary.

No request is being made for permission to interview subject because there is no evidence of a defection; her husband is active as president of the TUP; and the subject and her husband recently edited a book published by the TUP entitled, "The Case Versus the School Board;" there is, therefore, the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau resulting from unfavorable publicity as a result of interview.

Informants

T-1,		✓	100-13460-226
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T-2,	Residence and employment ✓	SA JEREMIAH W. This report DOYLE
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T-3,	Trash cover, residence of ROSE COHEN, 6630 Eastwood Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	✓	100-38947-1B1-20
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PERKOWSKI,  
JR.

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SA CYRIL  
J. HAMMONDS

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5/29/57

SA JEREMIAH W.  
DOYLE

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5/13/57

SA WILLIAM S.  
BETTS

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APPENDIX

Documentation of TUP ✓

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Reference

Report SA ELMER T. MILLER, Philadelphia, 6/11/56. ✓

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-370975)

DATE: 1/2/58

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FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
SM-C

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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) ✓ Manning J. Smith, Jr., Advertising, 114 West Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa. ( <del>Indefinite Working Hours</del> )		
Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number _____		Responsibility _____
Interested Agencies _____		
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Director, FBI (100-370975)

JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
SECURITY MATTER - C

A review of the subject's case file reflects she was a member of the Communist Party from 1943 to 1952; attended a Communist Party conference in June, 1950; attended a meeting of the Women's Commission, Communist Party, in January, 1951; contributed articles to "The Worker" in 1948 and 1949 under the pen name Catherine Frost; was active on behalf of the Progressive Party (PP) in 1951; in 1954 was an associate of a PP leader and was asked by him to write articles for a PP affair and a PP demonstration; was sponsor of a Symposium in Defense of the First Amendment held in November, 1954, at which time the trial of the Communist Party leaders at Philadelphia in 1954 was condemned along with the Communist Control Act of 1954; in March, 1955, the subject and her husband edited a book by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia and attended lectures and forums sponsored by this Teachers Union in November, 1955; November, 1956; December, 1956; and January, 1957. The subject's husband was president of the Philadelphia Teachers Union in 1955. The subject was also reported to have been a newspaper reporter

In view of the above information, it is desired that your office submit a current investigative report concerning Jennings including a canvass of active informants of your office. Since the subject has never been interviewed, you should, at the time of submission of the requested report, include your recommendation concerning this as well as your recommendation concerning her Security Index status.

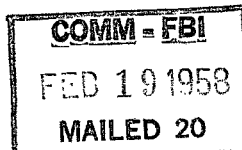
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Subject on Security Index. Since she has not been a member of the Communist Party since 1952 and has never been an official of a front organization, a current investigative report should be submitted to determine

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Letter to Philadelphia  
Re: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
100-370975

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if there is any additional information that would warrant her retention on the Security Index. The Teachers Union of Philadelphia was expelled from the AFL in 1941 because of charges of communist domination. It became affiliated with the CIO in 1944 and in 1946 became a local of the United Public Workers of America (UPW). In 1950, the UPW was expelled from the CIO for adhering to the Communist Party line. In 1953, the Teachers Union left the UPW to become an independent union. As of March, 1955, an informant described the motivating force within the Teachers Union to be composed of Communist Party members. Last report submitted regarding subject 6-10-57.



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TO : Director, FBI (100-370975)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, was.;  
SM - C  
OO: Philadelphia

DATE: 4/23/58

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Enclosed are four copies of the report of SA FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY dated 4/23/58, at Philadelphia, four copies of a letterhead memorandum evaluating informants and two copies of Philadelphia letter to Director dated 4/23/58.

REFERENCES

Report of SA ELMER T. MILLER dated 6/10/57, at Philadelphia.  
Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated 2/19/58.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/ OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	LOCATION
T-1, [redacted]	Employment and Residence	SA FRANCIS. J. GAFFNEY Oral	Instant Report
T-2, [redacted]	10/18/57		[redacted]
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T-3, [redacted]	Characterization DAVID PERLOFF		

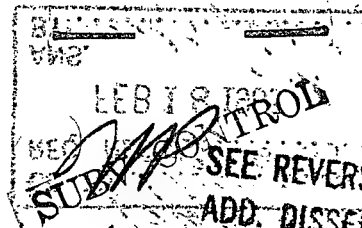
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NEGATIVE INFORMANT CONTACTS

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	4/7/58	SA FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY, Oral	Instant Report
	4/16/58	SA B. PERKOWSKI, Jr., Oral	Instant Report
	4/21/58	SA HARVEY B. MURPHY, Oral	Instant Report
	4/21/58	SA HARVEY B. MURPHY, Oral	Instant Report
	4/21/58	SA JOHN T. HALLIDAY, Oral	Instant Report
	4/21/58	SA JOHN T. HALLIDAY, Oral	Instant Report

[ ] and [ ] were utilized to document the Teachers Union of Philadelphia.

LEADPHILADELPHIA:AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.:

Will close case on receipt of Bureau's decision regarding recommended removal of Subject from Security Index.

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because (state reason)  
it contains information from informants, whose identity, if revealed, could affect the National Security.
8. ☒ Subject was not interviewed because (state reason)  
with her newspaper background and current employment in the advertising field she might use this to embarrass the Bureau.
9. ☒ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☐ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

April 23, 1958

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS,  
was.;  
SECURITY MATTER - C

All informants utilized in the report of SA FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY,  
dated April 23, 1958, at Philadelphia, have furnished reliable information  
in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI and neither it  
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TO : Director, FBI (100-370975)

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLICOTT JENNINGS, was.;  
SM - C  
OO: Philadelphia

DATE: 4/23/58

Security Index card cancelled

**CANCELLED**  
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Subject is reported to have been a member of the Communist Party (CP) from 1943 to 1952; to have contributed articles to "The Worker" in 1948 and 1949; to have been active in the Progressive Party in 1951; was a sponsor of a Symposium in Defense of the First Amendment in November 1954 at which the trial of Philadelphia Communist Party leaders was condemned; that subject and her husband edited a book by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia (TUP) and that she attended forums sponsored by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia in November 1955, November 1956, December 1956, January 1957, October 1957, November 1957, and January 1958; and attended an Emergency Civil Liberties Committee sponsored affair in October 1957.

Subject has not been interviewed and no request to interview the subject is being made as it is felt with her newspaper background and present employment in the advertising field she might use the interview to embarrass the Bureau.

As the subject is not known to have been a member of the Communist Party during the past five years or to have been a leader of or active substantial participant in a front organization during the past three years, it is recommended that her Security Index Card be cancelled.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, was.</b>		Report made by <b>FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY</b>	Typed By: <b>BCB</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Informants have advised that subject attended ECLC sponsored affair in October 1957; attended TUP Forums in October 1957, November 1957, and January 1958; informants who are familiar with some of the activities of the CP in Philadelphia area advised they know of no current CP activity on the part of the subject.

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DETAILS:

Employment and Residence

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Confidential Informant T-1, advised on April 17, 1958, that the subject was employed by MANNING J. SMITH, Jr., Advertising, 114 West Johnson Street and resides at 215 East Johnson Street.

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Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

Confidential Informant T-2, advised on October 24, 1957, that subject attended an Emergency Civil Liberties Committee sponsored

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affair held on October 18, 1957, at the Adelphia Hotel, Philadelphia. FRANK WILKINSON an official of the National Office, Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, was the principal speaker. WILKINSON told of his experiences in Los Angeles while employed by the Housing Authority. He stated that he had fought for the rights of Negroes and Mexicans to occupy desirable housing, but business interests and greedy realtors fought him to the point of maneuvering him before a public hearing where he took a position of standing on principle against an inquiry into his private life. He then traced a so called pattern of destruction brought on innocent people by "the witch hunters".

Teachers Union of Philadelphia (TUP)

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on October 17, 1957, that the subject attended the Teachers Union of Philadelphia Forum #1 held October 11, 1957, at the John Bartram Hotel, Philadelphia. DAVID PERLOFF, the Forum Chairman, stated that the forums were designed to keep the members and friends of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia together and to raise much needed funds for the many legislative battles that had to be fought in court. PERLOFF also stated that there was now one case before the U. S. Supreme Court and the group had taken heart in the fact that the climate of Mc Carthyism and witch hunting had subsided. He felt there there was now a good chance of the Supreme Court rendering a just decision.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on January 15, 1953, that DAVID PERLOFF was a member of the Professional Section, Communist Party and Communist Political Association, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, during the period 1942 to 1945.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on November 18, 1957, that the subject attended Teachers Union of Philadelphia Forum #2 held on November 1, 1957, at the John Bartram Hotel, Philadelphia. ALAN and ADELE RICKETT were the principal speakers. Both alternately told of their arrests, confinement, interrogation and the confessions they made to the Chinese Communists of being spies for the United States.

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They told of the educational classes they were required to attend while in confinement and then how they started examining their consciences and found they could not place blind loyalty to the United States above their basic principles. They stated that after being released from China the authorities in Hong Kong, the American press and the intelligence authorities asked them to condemn the Chinese Communists and state that they had been forced to confess to a pack of lies. ALAN RICKETT stated that they could not in good conscience do this and were hushed up. The authorities then tried to make them appear insane.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on January 16, 1958, that the subject attended Teachers Union of Philadelphia Forum #4 held on January 3, 1958, at the John Bartram Hotel, Philadelphia. The principal speaker was WILLIAM GROPPER who was introduced as an artist who had undergone his day of trial before Congressional Investigation Committee.

GROPPER stated that artists are controlled by the Museum of Modern Art through its critics and their assessment of paintings. When artists do not subscribe to this system they exile themselves. He stated that he and a few others had refused to be exiled, they reaped the vengeance of Mc Carthyism and trial by Congressional Committee. He and his children were plagued with investigators to the point where the possibility of a secure economic livelihood was impossible.

#### Miscellaneous

Other Confidential Informants who are familiar with some of the activities of the Communist Party in the Philadelphia area have advised that they know of no current Communist Party activity on the part of the subject.



EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of 1/2/57 by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, documents the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as follows:

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate  
Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans,  
S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)

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TEACHERS UNION OF PHILADELPHIA

A Confidential Informant advised on November 9, 1953 that the organization, as Local 192, was expelled from the American Federation of Labor in 1941 because of charges of Communist domination. It operated as an independent union until 1944, at which time it affiliated with the CIO as Local 556 of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America. In 1946, it became Local 556 of the United Public Workers of America. In 1950, the UPWA was expelled from the CIO for adhering to the Communist Party line; however, Local 556 chose to stay with the UPWA despite these charges. This affiliation continued until 1953, when the Teachers Union of Philadelphia left the UPWA to become an independent. The informant stated that for many years the CP members in this union have managed to be elected as the officers and have, thus, controlled the entire union in its adherence to the Communist Party line.

Another Confidential Informant advised on March 15, 1957 that the TUP continues the same general program and leadership.

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Reporting Office <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	Office of Origin <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	Date <b>1/31/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>1/23 - 28/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, aka.</b>		Report made by <b>FORREST F. BURGESS</b>	Typed By: <b>cp c</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C (RESERVE INDEX)</b>	

## Reference

Report of SA FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY, 4/23/58, Philadelphia.

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## Administrative Data

A phone call was made by SA OTIS L. BURTON on 1/27/61, at which time he talked to an unidentified woman at the subject's residence. SA BURTON verified the subject's residence at that time. It was not necessary for SA BURTON to identify himself in this call, nor was it necessary for him to use a pretext to get the above information.

The name of JOAN WOOLLCOTT is maintained in Section B of the Reserve Index of the Philadelphia Office.

A suitable photograph is available on the subject.

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This report is being classified confidential because data reported from PH T-2, PH T-4, and PH T-5 could reasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

The subject was not interviewed because of her newspaper and journalistic background she might use this to try to embarrass the Bureau.

[redacted] advised on 10/10/58 that JOAN JENNINGS wrote feature articles for the Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin" from time to time under the name of JOAN JENNINGS and one article written by her appeared in the Sunday edition of the Philadelphia "Evening Bulletin" on 9/14/58, page 15, in the Family Living Section of that issue, entitled "Philadelphians at Home: The Lannings Add Fruit to the Family Tree," and concerned an orchard of BOYD LANNING, 222 East Cliveden Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Since this item has no pertinence in the instant report, it is being placed on the administrative pages.

Mrs. PATRICIA LANDIS, Personnel Department, University of Pennsylvania, advised SA BURGESS on 1/27/61 that the employees in the unit in which the subject is employed at the University of Pennsylvania are not organized into a union and, as far as she knows, the subject has no union affiliations.

Informants

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SA FORREST F. BURGESSPH T-3 ✓  
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[redacted]	1/23/61	ROBERT E. MASTERS	This report, pg 5
	1/25/61	CHARLES J. WYLAND	" pg 5
	1/26/61	FORREST F. BURGESS	" pg 5
	1/23/61	JOHN T. BLAIR	" pg 5
	1/25/61	JEREMIAH W. DOYLE	" pg 5

Documentation of Organizations

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: FORREST F. BURGESS  
Date: January 31, 1961

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Field Office File No.: 100-13460

Bureau File No.: 100-370975

Title: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: JOAN JENNINGS resides 215 East Johnson St., Phila., Pa., and is employed as a medical information writer by the Public Relations News Bureau, University of Pennsylvania, 201 South 34th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Confidential informants have advised as follows: She was observed to attend city-wide membership meetings, CPEPD, in Philadelphia, Pa., and city meetings of functionaries, CPEPD, in Philadelphia, Pa., during the period of approximately 1946 to approximately 1948 or 1949. She attended forums arranged by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia, Pa., 1/9/59 and 2/13/59 in Phila., Pa. She has also attended a meeting believed to have been arranged by Southern Conference Educational Fund Inc., 3/13/59, Phila., Pa. Subject's name on partial mailing list of Philadelphia Sobell Committee in 6/59.

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## DETAILS:

BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

A Special Agent of the FBI determined on January 27, 1961, that JOAN JENNINGS and FRANCIS JENNINGS reside at 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Confidential informant PH T-1 advised on February 7, 1952, as follows:

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FRITZ JENNINGS was a member of the Communist Party (CP) in Philadelphia during 1939 and 1940. During this period the subject frequently conducted educational classes for both the CP and the Young Communist League (YCL).

The Communist Party, USA, and the Young Communist League have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Mrs. PATRICIA LANDIS, Chief Clerk, Personnel Department, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS as follows on January 27, 1961:

JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., was employed starting on February 1, 1960, by the Public Relations News Bureau, University of Pennsylvania, 201 South 34th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., as a medical information writer and was currently employed there as of January 27, 1961. Her Social Security Number was 169-16-0273 and her salary was \$5,200.00 per annum.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY,  
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE (CPEPD)

Confidential Informant PH T-2 advised on May 8, 1959, as follows:

The subject had been observed by the informant to attend city-wide membership meetings in Philadelphia, Pa., of the CPEPD from approximately 1946 to approximately 1948 or 1949. She was also observed by the informant to attend city-wide meetings in Philadelphia, Pa., of functionaries of the CPEPD during this same period. The informant did not know to which club she belonged in the CPEPD, but she had to be a CP member to be admitted to the above-mentioned city-wide meetings of CPEPD functionaries.

This same informant advised on January 26, 1961, that he had no information in his possession to indicate the subject is presently a CP member.

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Philadelphia Sobell Committee

Confidential informant PH T-3 advised on July 23, 1959, that as of June 1959 the name of the subject was on a partial mailing list of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee.

A characterization of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee is included in the Appendix section hereto.

Southern Conference Educational Fund Inc.

A characterization of the Southern Conference Educational Fund Inc., is included in the Appendix hereto.

Confidential Informant PH T-4 advised as follows on May 13, 1959:

A meeting was held at the home of JOAN JENNINGS, 215 East Johnson Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on March 13, 1959, at which 30 people were present, including the subject. The main speaker spoke about the problems of desegregation in Alabama, primarily in Birmingham, Ala., where the speaker lived. He stressed his experiences then in the fight for equal rights and indicated that in spite of all the difficulties he had endured, he had no hatred in his heart for anyone. The name of the organization sponsoring the meeting on March 13, 1959, was not mentioned; but since the speaker was on the Board of the Southern Conference Education Fund Inc., the informant was inclined to believe the latter mentioned organization was sponsoring this meeting.

Teachers Union of Philadelphia

A characterization of the Teachers Union of Philadelphia is included in the Appendix hereto.

Confidential Informant PH T-5 advised as follows on January 22, 1959:

A forum sponsored by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia was held at the Drake Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., on January 9, 1959. Approximately 100 people were present,



including the subject. The main speaker talked on the subject, "Censorship in the Theater," and made the following comments: Censorship as such did not exist in the theater; however, book censorship and "blacklisting" of actors did affect theatrical production. There are two kinds of censorship -- pre-censorship and post-censorship. Pre-censorship is exemplified in the film industry where cutting and splicing is determined by a number of private morals groups prior to the release of the film. Post-censorship would include the book industry when the book or play is reviewed and then banned to a given area or to a group of people.

"Blacklisting" was not unique to the United States, nor was it a recent innovation. Much publicity was given to it in the McCARTHY days and many an artist suffered. There was an objection to the so-called political views of the artist, not the play or the theater. Artists suffered because the public acquiesced to self-styled, self-righteous political pressure groups.

Like it or not, theatrical production is a business. If it is indicated that a production will not make money at a given time, no producer could cut his throat economically. Neither anti-Communist nor pro-Communist plays can draw crowds worthy of the effort necessary to produce them.

After this speaker concluded his remarks, it was announced that those present could do a job fighting those who imposed political censorship on the people by urging the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and its counterpart in the U.S. Senate.

FRANCIS JENNINGS, husband of the subject, announced a series of cases were being arranged to be presented before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which cases involved teachers who were fired in the state of Pennsylvania on the grounds of incompetence, but who were really fired because they refused to give testimony before a committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Confidential informant PH T-5 further advised as follows on February 18, 1959:

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On February 13, 1959, a forum sponsored by the Teachers Union of Philadelphia was held at the Drake Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. The main speaker lectured on the topic, "Education is a Dying Culture." His principal points were as follows: Creativity and the move to action, which are the by-products of thought, are being smothered in favor of a blanket of conformity. Any group or individual can command attention by not only telling teachers what they are to teach, but also telling them how to teach their subject. Budgets for educating children are kept at a minimum while budgets for the destruction of the human species soar to fantastic heights.

Confidential Informant PH T-5 also advised on May 13, 1959, as follows:

The Teachers Union of Philadelphia has no membership as such, but the nucleus of this organization is composed of approximately twenty people, including the JENNINGS. The primary purpose of this organization in 1959 was to agitate for the reinstatement of dismissed school teachers, abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, banning of the H-bomb and free travel of all United States citizens.

Confidential informants familiar with some Communist activity in the Philadelphia area were contacted in January 1961 and advised they have no information in their possession to reflect the subject is currently a CP member.

## APPENDIX

### Documentation of Organizations

#### PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE

On 1/23/53, Mr. LEO BUSCH, Secretary to Commissioner of Police THOMAS J. GIBBONS, Philadelphia Police Department, advised that by letter dated 10/10/52 the Philadelphia Police Department had received notification of a meeting under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case to be held in Philadelphia on 10/14/52.

On 4/14/53, the Supervisor, Division of Solicitations, Department of Public Instructions, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 812 Blackstone Building, Harrisburg, Pa., advised that by letter dated 2/17/53, JEAN D. FRANTJIS, as Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa., had advised the Division of Solicitations that the Philadelphia Committee was an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and that the purpose of the local committee was to solicit money to be used to meet expenses in carrying on appeals in the Rosenberg Case and maintaining the Rosenberg children.

Literature issued by the Committee on the dates indicated reflects the following variations of the names of the Philadelphia Committee which have been utilized:

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| 2/11/53  | Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.                   |
| 10/14/53 | Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.            |
| 10/19/53 | Philadelphia Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.  |
| 7/8/54   | Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa. |

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On 3/14/56, a source advised that the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case was being disbanded because of a lack of funds and a lack of activity on the part of the Committee.

On 4/8/58, this source advised that on 4/7/58, a meeting was held in Philadelphia to re-establish this Committee in Philadelphia, and that the Committee would be called the Philadelphia Sobell Committee.

Another source advised on 5/29/60, that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continues to operate as a local affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It is a non-membership organization which conducts its activities through a Planning Committee consisting of no set number of people, usually eight to twelve individuals. PEARL CHERTOV is the Chairman of the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, and JEAN D. FRANTJIS takes a leading role in the Planning Committee activities.

A third source advised on 5/26/60, that as of that date PEARL CHERTOV was the Organizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the Socialist Workers Party.

The fourth source advised on 11/30/59, that JEAN D. FRANTJIS attended the two-day District Convention of the CPEPD held at Philadelphia, Pa., on 11/28-29/59.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a Communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source, who is familiar with some phases of CP activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 18, 1960, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, CP members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW; however, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the CP on certain issues, particularly on the racial question and, through the years, certain CP members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further CP principles.

On May 18, 1960, the source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual CP member, because he followed Communist principles.

The source also advised on May 18, 1960, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TEACHERS UNION OF PHILADELPHIA

On 11/9/53, a source advised that the Teachers Union of Philadelphia (TUP), as Local 192, had been expelled from the American Federation of Labor in 1941 because of charges of Communist domination. It operated as an independent union until 1944, at which time it affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) as Local 556, United Public Workers of America (UPWA). In 1950, the UPWA was expelled from the CIO for adhering to the CP line; however, Local 556 chose to stay with the UPWA despite these charges. This affiliation continued until 1953, when the TUP left the UPWA to become independent. The source further related that for many years, the CP members in the TUP had managed to be elected as officers and have controlled the entire Union in its adherence to the CP line.

On 5/16/58 and 5/13/59, another source advised that the TUP continues to carry out the same general program that it has in the past and continues with the same leadership.

A third source on 5/12/59 advised that the leadership of the TUP is definitely sympathetic to the CP aims and objectives and that speakers at their affairs tend to follow the CP line.

A fourth source said on 5/27/60 that the TUP is currently inactive, that no activities are being sponsored, and no literature is being mailed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 100-13460 ✓

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 31, 1961 ✓

Title JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS ✓

Character SECURITY MATTER - C ✓

Reference report of SA FORREST F. BURGESS,  
dated 1/31/61, Philadelphia. ✓

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
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## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 100-370975)

DATE: 3/9/66

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-13460)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
SM-C

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The NEWARK Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The NEWARK Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address
311 Swarthmore Road, Glassboro, New Jersey
Business address
Medical Development Writer, University of Pennsylvania
201 South 34th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Check the following applicable statements:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This individual has been the subject of a Reserve Index Card (Section B).
<input type="checkbox"/> This individual is the subject of a "Section A" Reserve Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Reserve Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reserve Index Cards (1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serials (specify) See attached sheet
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <del>XXXXXX</del> Two Copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
<input type="checkbox"/> None available.
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously furnished.

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Report SA ROBERT C. WEAVER, 3/6/44, Baltimore.  
Report SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, 1/15/45, Phila.  
Report SA JAMES T. MULLAN, JR., 2/24/47, Phila.  
Newspaper clipping from "The Philadelphia Inquirer",  
dated 10/1/47.  
Report SA WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, 8/19/49, Phila.  
S/R SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD, 4/30/54, Phila.  
Report SA CHESTER M. McMILLAN, 8/31/55, Phila.  
Report SA ELMER T. MILLER, 6/11/56, Phila.  
Report SA ELMER T. MILLER, 6/10/57, Phila.  
Report SA FRANCIS J. GAFFNEY, 4/23/58, Phila.  
PH LHM dated 4/23/58.  
PH Ltr. to Director, 4/23/58.  
PH Ltr. to Director, 4/23/58.  
Memo SAC FROM SA FORREST F. BURGESS, 5/21/59, Phila.  
Report SA FORREST F. BURGESS, 1/31/61, Phila.  
Memo SAC from SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE, 12/26/62, Phila.  
Memo SAC from SA ROBERT P. BRANNIGAN, 4/2/64, Phila.

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1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Rushing

Date: May 2, 1966

BY LIAISON

To: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
Department of the Army

Attention: Chief, Personnel Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: MICHAEL WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

Reference is made to your letter of April 20, 1966, your file reference USAPSG.

Captioned individual has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau; however, I am enclosing two memoranda dated February 26, 1963, and April 15, 1963, respectively, captioned "Viktor P. Karpov" in which one Michael Jennings, a student at Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is mentioned.

In addition, there are enclosed three reports and three memoranda concerning the subject's father, Francis P. Jennings. No reports have been prepared concerning subject's mother, Joan Woolcott Jennings, subsequent to the report of SA Forrest F. Burgess dated January 31, 1961.

Further processing of this case by your Department will not interfere with the investigative activities of this Bureau.

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Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence

NOTE:

The two memoranda regarding Karpov are serials 45 and 56 of 105-81265. The three reports and memoranda concerning Francis P. Jennings are serials 69, 70 and 71 of 100-72937.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370975)

DATE: 5/20/66

FROM : *WJB* SAC, NEWARK (100-48895)

SUBJECT: JOAN WOOLLCOTT JENNINGS, aka  
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*L* Re Philadelphia FD-128a dated 3/9/66.

The captioned subject has been placed on Section B of the Reserve Index of the Newark Office. Review of this case reveals no additional investigation is warranted at this time and this matter has been placed in a closed status in the Newark Office.

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